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*New frequencies from Liberia, Libya

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Thu 1500	WRMI	9955
Thu 1900	WBCQ	7415
Thu 2100	WRMI	9955
Fri 0330	WWRB	3185
Fri 1430	WRMI	9955
Fri 2030	WWCR1	15825
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 0800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9515
	[second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]	
Sat 1600	WWCR2	12160 [ex-1630]
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955
Sat 1800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	7290
Sun 0230	WWCR3	4840
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1515	WRMI	9955
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955
Sun 2330	WWCR4	9980
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955

Tue 1900 WBCQ 7415
Tue 2230 WRMI 9955
Wed 0030 WRMI 9955
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

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** ABKHAZIA. CAUCASUS: Abkhaz Radio from Sukhumi was heard on 18th and 19th of July at 0455 hours after the close down of Radio Exterior de Espana and on July 26th from 0800 hours with news in Russian language ñ all on 9535 KHz. Compiled by: Rumen Pankov E-mail address: rumen_pankov @ abv.bg Source: BNR Radio Bulgaria: DX program August 6, 2010 http://bit.ly/aVSRxT (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. Hello all. Been a long time since I have had time for DX, but am back now permanently in Kabul, having been stuck in Kandahar for almost 9 months without equipment and spending almost 3 months in hospital after some wounding. Apologies to all whom I owe letters to; I will catch up as time permits.

In the few periods that I have had time to DX, reception has been much better. Our group moved to a new guest house and the local noise dropped by almost 18 dB! I have been able to erect a new, albeit shorter, antenna and now have proper grounding pits dug, for better MW and LW DX. I am just signing on for a 3rd year (yeah, I know, I'm an idiot) and expect to be able to give much more time to the hobby.

I will be heading for R&R to Pattaya, Thailand on the 2nd of September and will do some DX from there as well. Hoping to get some South Pacific and Asian MW DX in from that location.

The QSLs reported below are from the last four months, but the information is still timely, so I have included them. 73 and good DX to all (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Al, welcome back! Was afraid something had happened to you, and it had, but glad it was not even more serious (gh)

Not too much DX last night, as I was attending an Afghan Engagement Party. This was rather interesting since the men and women are separated at the party. But there was a live band playing Afghan music (at quite a high decibel level) and traditional Afghan dancing along with a hearty feast. Normally, I don't go to events like this, but it was our Asst. GM and Sales Manager, who is a good friend. The wedding party is promising to be even more of a blow-out with an even bigger feast. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Aug 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. 7425, R. Tirana, Shijak, *0145-0148 July 14 in English with schedule, huge 70 dB signal (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Very difficult listening to the Radio Tirana broadcast on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 2000 UT on 13640 kHz as the audio kept dropping out. Words were lost. Broadcast began with crash start at 2000. Female announcing times and frequencies of broadcasts. News bulletin was next. Could not understand the title of the next item. Songs were played until the end of the broadcast. The audio dropouts were NOT related to propagation. SIO 252. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13755, R. Tirana, Monday Aug 9 at 1427 IS, but insufficient, suffering splatter from CRI/Cuba 13740, and overload from RHC 13780. Nevertheless, it was the best if not only signal reaching us from Europe on the 22m band. 1430 sign-on announcement was giving the correct A-10 schedule, but mostly uncopiable.

BTW, this frequency is missing from the EiBi list; still shown on 13625, the B-09 channel for 1530; a quick check indicates the other RT entries are current. Looks like RT would be better off in A-seasons even further from Cuba, really in the low 13600`s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7465, 11 AUG, 1906 UT, Radio Tirana in French with news items and commentary. Transmission is aimed at Western Europe but heard here in Kabul with S4 signals and no QRM but moderate fading. Modulation did appear to be a little low, however (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan,

WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4950, R. Nacional Angola, Mulenvos. August 04, 2232-2243 male talks in Portuguese about film director Frank Capra, Titanic film soundtrack, English pop music. Het, 33433.

4950, R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos. August 09, 2114-2127 male in Portuguese talks ìserviÁo de ultilidade p˙blica da R. Nacional de Angolaî, music, two male in discussion. Het, 32333.

4950, R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos. August 11, 2151-2157 Hilife music, male ìAngola!î, back music, time announcements by male ìvinte e duas horas e cinquenta e trÍs minutos, minutos finais..î, African music. From 2155 abrupt increase of het, 32432 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 6090, DGS as usual Aug 7 at 0534 check during jazz music break // WWCR on both 5935 and 5890. Some downunderite had reported The Overcomer Ministry on 6090! But that is unbelievable. It`s also incredible how anyone could confuse Dead Gene Scott with Brother Scare, each with inimitable voice and style. However if MEGO, all gospel huxters may sound alike.

6090, open carrier with some hum, August 12 at 0630 and for several minutes, longer than DGS` sometimes pregnant pauses. He was pontificating as usual on 5935 WWCR (not // 5890 now), so Caribbean Beacon really lost the feed. Very weak understation on 6090, Brasil or Nigeria? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, 29.7 1245, LRA36 R Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel at this early hour. Practically clear channel until 1300! Also heard 27.7 at 1335 with fair signal but QRM from 15480 and later also from 15470. Strongest signal on my Flag direction North (0 degrees)! (Arne Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Aug 8 via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

15476, RN San Gabriel. August 03, 1220-1235, two female in discussion until announcements ìcomenzamos con m˙sicaî, Spanish pop music; 43433. August 04, 1415-1428 romantic Spanish music selections, male ìdesde la Base Esperanza, transmite, LRA36î, back same kind of music; 45434. August 05, 1448-1503 Spanish Pop music, female talks ìcontinuamos con nuestro programaî about Argentinean films, back Spanish Pop selections; 43444. August 06, 1157-1218 tune in carrier was on, 1206 audio started with Argentinean folk music, male announcements, female talks ìol·, muy buenos dias, un poco nublado el dia de hoy, sensaciÛn tÈrmica de ñ9∫ C, temperatura m·xima 1∫ C, prognÛstico de ventos moderadosî; 44434 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476+, LRA36, at 1255 Aug 5, YL with a discussion in Spanish; 1259.5 song. Best reception in a while, fading from S3 to S9+5 peaks, and even better than Cuba on 15380. 1318 still songs; nothing on 15480 to het it, and Turkey 15450 also inaudible with somewhat auroral conditions. 1338 YL mentioned ``Esperanza`` which would have helped to definitize the log if I weren`t already positive, mixing with music but weakening. Now I have local VHF 2-way repeater image QRM, fortunately only brief intermittences. 1353 still audible with rap, and past 1404 when I quit. Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, had measured it on 15476.020 on July 29.

15476, LRA36: first check this week, Aug 9 at 1335 found no signal, but next check at 1359 brought weak carrier and music, no het from 15480. Next2 check at 1424, still JBA pop music on 15476 and now het with 15480.

15476, LRA36, Aug 10 at 1237 music hetting Chinese on 15480. About the same very weak signal in some later chex before 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA [and non]. 6060 - Radio Nacional Argentina, transmission, 100 kW, in Spanish, of the 0900-1000 UT, 11/08 - "...en R·dio Nacional, el informe de Cristi·n Varella..." RAE suffering interference from the preaching of the missionary David Miranda IPDA in Spanish, the radio Super Deus È Amor (R. Tupi) Curitiba-PR 33433 - (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG - Brasil, Receiver - Sangean ATS909, Long Wire Antenna vertical part and horizontal part with approx. 15 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The South American neighboring countries really need to get together and eliminate such clashes. Frequency flexibility is alien to their mindsets (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ARMENIA. 4810, 1810-1820 05.08, Armenian Public R, Yerevan, Arabic ann, Armenian traditional songs 45444 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. R. Symban: Ha --- have wondered why 2368.5 was chosen. Yep, very few receivers do have the extended AM band here in Oz and yes there are certainly Greek stations narrowcasting between 1602 and 1701. There also is a strong Arabic station on 1638 with an echo the result from a satellite station in Melbourne // Sydney. Tim says 2386 which is clearly wrong (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Tasmania, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Hello Robin, I always enjoy your column. Your story this month about

Radio Symban has a bit more to it. In the Narrowcaster portion of the top of the broadcast band 1611 - 1701 [outside the usual tuning range of broadcast receivers] there are two other Greek language Sydney stations towards the top of the sub band. There are some Greek listeners of these stations near the 2386.5 transmitter site - is was in Marrickville - that have heard the signal on the broadcast band as an image.

This upsets the controllers of the Narrowcasters because they think the 2386 [sic] operator has an advantage over them. A friend of mine {VK2YAP} does technical work for the Narrowcasters and has periodic difficulties trying to explain to them about images etc. The image comes out on or near 1476 which is another narrowcaster out towards Penrith running Country. Keep up the good work, even if the sources keep being closed down 73 - Tim VK2ZTM (Aug 5 via Robin Harwood, ibid.)

I.e. R. Symban gets listeners 900 or 910 kHz below on cheap AM radios, tnx to image from nearby 2368.5 transmitter, on 1468.5 or 1458.5. The question is whether this was the intention from the outset of getting a 120m licence. Another station which worked this way was R. Huayacocotla in Veracruz, Mexico, 2390, which never could get a regular AM license, so people heard it on 1490 or 1480. The same would have been true for La Voz de Atitl·n, Guatemala also on 2390. Hmmm, and WWCR when it used that frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 5025, 05/AUG, 2150 UT, Northern Territory Shortwave Service VL8K Katherine in English talks between YL announcer and OM interviewee, interspersed with light pop music. Positive ID at 2200. Weak to fair sigs and no QRM except for an occasional RTTY blast on 5023 causing issues (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Very good signal from HCJB-Australia with DX Party Line show at 1315-1330 [Sat] on 15400, then into Chinese after 1330 (Joe Hanlon, NJ, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. 15440, Aug 11 at 1411, S Asian music featuring soprano and tabla briefly peaks, then fades out. Scheduled is AWR in Urdu at 1400-1430, due east from Moosbrunn (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. Aug 4th at 1808 on 6010 Radio Bahrain in English, wrapping up the news, then weather, IDs and jingle, into pop music. Decent but fady signal on clear channel (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, 09 AUG, 1256 UT, Bangladesh Betar, In Bengali

with flute music until time pips and ID by man on the hour, then into news and call-in show. Fair reception and improving as dusk approached. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. NEW, 6010, 2330-2345 08.08, Belaruskaje Radyjo 1, Brest. Belarusian late broadcast ann English song "I am mad!" and Belarusian pop songs with trumpets, three IDs: "Belaruskaje Radyjo", 44444, heard // Hrodna 6040 and Brest 6070. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.698, Radio Yura (presumed), Aillu Yura, Aug 4, 0030-0212*, threshold audio strengthening by 0100, long Andean vocals, occasional talk by man. Poor signal with occasional voice USB QRM.

4795.89, Radio LÌpez (tentative), Uyuni, Aug 1, *0858-1034*, threshold audio, perhaps abbreviated schedule for Sunday morning. [WORLD OF RADIO 1525]

+ Aug 2, *0848-1100 threshold audio, briefly peaking between 1030-1040z with monologue by male speaker, perhaps inspirational.

6134.825, Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, Aug 1, *1049, late Sunday morning sign-on, brief sign-on announcement by woman, brief Andean vocal into religious service. Poor signal, noisy, fading rapidly

+ 6134.81, Aug 3, 2345-0106*, very nice signal by 0015, female and male announcers, lively music, announcements, canned ID by man at 0101: "960 kilohertz onda media, 6165 kilohertz onda corta, 92.3 megahertz, frecuencia modulada transmite Radio Santa Cruz, desde Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia", another canned ID at 0103 mentioning "Emisora del Instituto RadiofÛnico Fe y AlegrÌa" followed by a song "Radio Santa Cruz". Open carrier from 0106 to 0143

+ 6134.82, Aug 4, *0856, short monologue by man at sign on, then canned ID mentioning AM and SW frequency, flutes, "Radio Santa Cruz" vocal, more ID's and a variety of vocals. Good signal, starting to fade from 1000 (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Not sure if you ever solved your "Radio Lipez/LÌpez" problem but here are few things I found:

"Radio Lipez" is listed as being in "Uyuni" in the WRTH.

According to Wikipedia in Spanish the RÌo Grande de LÌpez (accent first syllable) ends just south of the Salar de Uyuni

http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salar_de_Uyuni
http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/R%C3%ADo_Grande_de_L%C3%ADpez

Also in the department of Potosi where Uyuni is located, there are two provinces called
Nor LÌpez: http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provincia_de_Nor_L%C3%ADpez
Sur LÌpez or Sud LÌpez:
http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provincia_de_Sud_L%C3%ADpez

It would seem that "LÌpez" is correct. Best wishes from the Black Forest, (KH Schmitter, Germany, Aug 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KH, Tnx. I found something similar in online research some months ago when it first appeared, but the Latin American DXers never seem to put the accent on it, so I wanted to be positive. Also, a fair number of hits on the web also lacked the accent. Too much carelessness, apparently. Now someone else who actually heard it ID agrees that it is stressed on first syllable (Glenn to KH, via DXLD)

Re 10-31: L˙cio Ot·vio, Since you actually heard them say Lipez, was it stressed on the first syllable or the last? (Glenn, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hello Glenn, It was stressed on the first syllable. 73 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good, finally a definite answer from someone! That means it should be spelt in Spanish with an accent on the I: LÌpez (gh, DXLD)

Maybe this answers any doubts:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cordillera_de_L%C3%ADpez
(Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wherein they consistently accent the I (gh, DXLD)

As to why all DXers leave the the accent mark off, well, I'm sure you'll agree it's both a question of ignoring there is one and, even if they see the word bearing one, they don't care about it.

But then, like you correctly put it, even Castilian speakers don't bother to include accent marks which in terms of this language almost means singular, "the" [acute] acc. mk., so maybe they don't think it's that serious - but neither you nor I share that same view about leaving acc. mks. off. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, ibid.)

4795.98, 2350-2400 02.08, R Lipez [sic], Uyuni, Spanish talk about Bolivia, drift in frequency recently, 34322, occasional utility QRM

(Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

4795.85, Radio Lipez [sic], Uyuni 0935 strong signal with flauta andina, locutor and music, "en Bolivia...kiloHertz" ID under t-storms. 1000 buenos dÌas, music bridge stayed in till 1055 recheck, 5 August. Good AM lock on R8 (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.46, Pio XII, Siglo Veinte, 1012 om and yl with clear signal, [no Cuban/Costa Rican "yo mama drama" jamming]. Children's voices, om over percussion solo, good AM lock on the R8. 5 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952.38, Radio Pio Doce, Siglo Veinte, 0206-0229*, August 6. LA pop songs; distinctive whistling of the River Kwai March; full ID; chimes and off; poor-fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.81, R. Santa Cruz, 0948-1005 Aug 9. Man with announcements in Spanish; seemed to be community and church news; nice CP mx at 0950, followed by more announcements; time checks for UT -4. Pretty good signal at tune-in but dropped quickly by ToH; ID noted at 1005 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aug 9, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. 4960, VOA, Moepeng Hill, Aug 1, 0430-0531*, English to Africa, listed Hausa from 0500, Yankee Doodle at 0530:30. Modest peak at 0448 UT transmitter sunrise (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Recent 2010 Brazilian logs from various sources
[sic, no accents, and I am sick & tired of having to put them in; however, I have corrected other spellings --- gh]
 2380v R. Educadora, Limeira SP; Ck 3255 (7/10t)
 3255 R. Educadora 6 de Agosto, Xapuri AC; Ck 2380 (3/10)
 3365 R. Cultura, Araraquara SP (2/10)
 3375v R. Municipal, Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira (7/10)
 4755v R. Imaculada Conceicao, Campo Grande (1/10)
 4805 ZYF273 Rdf do Amazonas, Manaus (3/10)
 4825 R. Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP (12/09)

4845v ZYF278 R. Cultura Ondas Tropicais, Manaus (7/10)
4865 R. Alvorada, Londrina (1/10)
" ZYF203 Radio Verdes Florestas (4/10)
4875v Rdf Roraima, Boa Vista RR (7/10)
4885 ZYG362 R. Clube do Para, Belem (7/10)
" ZYF692 R. Maria, Taguatinga, BrasÌlia, DF (obbsolete?)
" Rdf Acreana, Rio Blanco/Branco (obsolete?)
4895 R. Novo Tempo, Campo Grande PR (7/10)
" R. Bare, Manaus-AM (Ex-Radio Globo) (obsolete?)
4905 R. Anhanguera, AraguaÌna TO (2/10)
4915 R. Daqui, Goiania GO (3/10) Ck 11830
" ZYF360 Rdf Macapa, Macapa SP (7/10)
4925v ZYF271 R. Educacao Rural, Tefe (3/10)
4935v R. Capixaba, Vitoria ES (2/10)
4945 R. Ondas Tropicais, Marituba; Ck 5045 (12/09)
4985 ZYF690 R. Brasil Central, Goiania; Ck 11815 (7/10)
5035 ZYG853 R. Aparecida, Aparecida OT; Ck 6135/9630/11855 (3/10)
5045 ZYG360 R. Cultura, Belem PA (4/10)
5940 R.Voz Missionaria, Camboriu; Ck 9665/11750 ex-R. Guaruja Paulista (7/10)
5965 R. Nova Visao (4/10)
5970 R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG (7/10)
5990 R. Senado, Brasilia DF (7/10)
5995 R. Bandeirantes (spur) Ck 6090, 9645, 11925 (6/10)
6000 R. Guaiba, Porto Alegre RS (5/10)
6010v R. Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte MG (7/10)
6060 Super Radio Deus e' Amor, Curitaba PR; Ck 9565/9585/11725/11765 (3/10)
6070 R. Capital, Rio de Janeiro RJ (4/10)
6080 R. Novas de Paz, Curitiba PR; r/R. Marumby?, Ck 9665 (1/10)
6090 R. Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo Ck 9645v/11925 (obsolete?)
6105 R. Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP Ck 4825/9675 (obsolete?)
6105 R. Cultura Filidelfia, Iguazu PR (obsolete?)
6135 ZYE954 R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP; Ck 5035/9630/11855 (7/10)
6150 R. Record? (12/09) (obsolete?)
6160 R. Boa Vontade, Pto Alegre RS Ck 9550/11895 (obsolete?)
6185 R. Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia DF; Ck 11780 (7/10)
6195 R. Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia DF; Ck 11780 (7/10) [Alt to 6185 in July]
9505v R. Record, Sao Paulo SP (7/10)
9515 R. Novas de Paz; Ck 11725 (1/10)
9550 R. Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre RS Ck 6160/11895 (1/10)
9565v Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba PR; Ck 6060/9585/11725/11765 ex-R. Tupi (7/10)
9585 Super R. Deus e' Amor; Ck 6060/9565/11725/11765 ex-R.Tupi (1/10)
9595 R. Record, Sao Paulo (obsolete?)
9615 R. Cultura, Sao Paulo; Ck 5045 (11/09)

9630 R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP; Ck 5035/6135/11855? (7/10)
9645v ZYE957 R. Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo SP Ck 6090/11925 (7/10)
9665 R Voz Missionaria, Florianopolis SC; Ck 5940/11750; ex R. Marumby (7/10)
9675 R. Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP; Ck 4825/6105 (7/10)
9685v R. Gazeta, Sao Paulo SP (12/09)
9695 R. Rio Mar, Manaus AM (2/10)
9820v R. 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo SP (7/10)
10000 PPE Observatorio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro (7/10)
11725v R. Deus e' Amor/R. Novas de Paz, Curitiba PR; Ck 6060/9565/9585/11765 (4/10)
11735 R. Transmundial, Santa Maria (7/10)
11750v R. Voz Missionaria, Florianopolis SC; Ck 5940/9665. ex-R. Marumby (7/10)
11765 ZYE726 Super Radio Deus e' Amor, Curitiba PR; Ck 6060/9565/9585/11825 ex-R. Tupi (7/10)
11780 ZYE365 R. Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Ck 6185 (7/10)
11815 R. Brasil Central, Goiania; Ck 4985 (7/10)
11830 R. Daqui, Goiania, Ck 4915 (7/10)
11855 R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP Ck 5035/6135/9630 (7/10)
11895 R. Boa Vontade, Pto Alegre RS Ck 6160/9550/12035 (2/10)
11915 ZYE851 R. Gaucha, Porto Alegre (4/10)
11925v R. Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo SP, Ck 6090/9645 (7/10)
12035 R. Boa Vontade? (obsolete?)
12175v R. Deus e Amor, spur?, Ck 6060/9565/9585/11765/11825 (7/10)

(Harold Frodge, MI, Aug 4, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 3375.34, Brasil, Radio Municipal S„o Gabriel da Cachoeira, upbeat music, 0935 ID banda de 90 metros, good strong signal till 1005 tune out 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4865, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul, 0955-1010 July 15 in Portuguese. Recorded live concert of OM with guitar singing slow ballads audience cheering, OM with ``Florestas`` ID and frequency at 1007; 20 dB signal on a noise-free band, excellent (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4914.963, R·dio Difusora, Macap· AC, 0030-0616*, Aug 4, fading up to almost fair level by 0100, pop and ballads, "R·dio Difusorade Macap·" ID by man, slight echo efx. No sign of the other Brazilians tonight, and Macap· transmitter cut-off at 0616 leaving channel empty.

+ 4914.978v, Aug 4, *0758, back on but threshold signal and slowly drifting downward, 4914.968 by 0900.

4915.028v, R·dio Daqui AM, Goi,nia GO, *0900, Aug 4, s/on with full canned ID by man mentioning multiple frequencies, greetings by announcer, directly into latin ballad. Dominant over co-channel R·dio Difusora de Macap· causing a low rumble, strong CODAR. Drifting down to 4915.022 by 1000 UT.

4964.960, R·dio Alvorada (presumed), Parintins AM, Aug 1, *0846-1010, poor signal, low-key religious talk, inspirational music, very slight peak around 0953 UT Parintins sunrise.

4985.003, R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, Aug 4, 0030-0200, female DJ spinning pop Brazilian vocals, canned ID 0101 by man mentioning multiple frequencies then "R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, Goi,nia". Initially poor but rapidly improving to excellent by 0100. Started fading after 0200 and remained at threshold level the rest of the night.

5044.984, R·dio Cultura, BelÈm PA, Aug 1, 0430-1000, overnight music programs: Madrugada Cultura until 0600 then seamlessly morphing into GeraÁ„o MPB (M˙sica Popular Brasileira). Same laid back male announcer, variety Brazilian music, full "Cultura FM, BelÈm, Par·, AmazÙnia" ID at 0611, occasional "Cultura F-M" or program IDs between every two or three songs. Huge signal all night despite RHC on 5040, not fading until just before 1000 UT (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. New 5054.97, fade in 2242-0430 fade out 30.07, 01+02+03+04+ 05.08, R Difusora, C·ceres, MT (presumed) Portuguese long religious talks and hymns, now maybe 24 hours? This is not a spur from Cuba on 5025 and 5040, both heard stronger! When best: 35232 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5055, R. Difusora C·ceres, 0142-0204, August 2, Portuguese. EZL pops/ballads and occasional announcer between selections; ID announcement and jingle at 0201; couple of ads then back to music; fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, NH-USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5055: Critica or Difusora solved out... Hi, there are some doubts in our DX community whether I really heard R·dio A CrÌtica FM (Manaus, Brazil) on 5055 kHz. Some others report R·dio Difusora.

I have a recording now uploaded here:
http://www.box.net/shared/a9vncjcdbl

You can hear the ID at seconds :05 and :38 : At a second :05 there is a jingle (slowly spoken whispering) "A CrÌtica eFe eMe"

At a second :38 there is and ID and slogan: "A CrÌtica FM - Uma r·dio feita para voce". This slogan is a part of their logo too: http://www.acriticafm.com.br/

Date and time of the recording: August 3, 2010 - 0500 UT (Date and time is also a part of the MP3 file name) (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Aug 11, HCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Noticioso Radiofatos --- O programa noticioso Radiofatos È transmitido, j· faz um certo tempo, de segunda a sexta-feira pela R·dio Voz Mission·ria de Cambori˙ SC em 5940 kHz, 49 metros, das 8h30 ‡s 9h [UT or local UT -3??]. Embora n„o comungue com as ideias religiosas da emissora, recomendo o noticioso que È bem feito com fatos atualizados. O sinal da r·dio chega forte, claro e bem calibrado ao Sudeste do PaÌs, com propagaÁ„o sempre aberta para esses lados. … o que h·. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, LIMEIRA -SP-, 10 Aug, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Ol·, SÛ a tÌtulo de complementar a informaÁ„o, o Radiofatos È um serviÁo terceirizado. Uma empresa o produz e vende a diversas emissoras. Aqui, prÛximo ao DF, È transmitido pela R·dio Redentor (1110), de Santo AntÙnio do Descoberto (DF). 73 (Lucio Haeser, BrasÌlia, ibid.)

OK, L˙cio, que Radiofatos È um noticioso terceirizado. J· tinha escutado algo sobre isso, sÛ que n„o anotei o nome da empresa que o produz. A emissora que o retransmite havia comentado. Particularmente achei-o bem feito, r·pido e em cima com os fatos (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira sp, 11-8-2010, ibid.)

O Radiofatos È gerado em Brasilia, e distribuido para muitas emissoras brasileiras. abcs [abraÁos = hugs] (Ariovaldo Lobrito, 11 Aug, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 5990, R Nacional da Amazonia, 0300-0311, Aug 09, Port TC as "... mÈia noite em BrasÌlia...", then into news headlines : "Nacional informa...", 0304 "Madrugada Nacional". Quite strong on clear frequency usually occupied by R Senado, first time noted here // much weaker 11780. After briefly trying 6195 they now appear to be testing this NF, cf DXLD 10-30.

[later:] The "Madrugada Nacional" program on 5990 I mentioned in my earlier report today must have been a relay of R Nacional BrasÌlia on 980 where scheduled 0305 to 0600 according to their website. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aproveito para uma informaÁ„o a respeito das ondas curtas da R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia em 49 metros, 6185 kHz. SÛ sintonizo a de 25 metros 11780 kHz. Costumava escutar logo cedo, das 7h ‡s 8h, o noticioso e em 25 metros nessa hora n„o h· propagaÁ„o. OK? 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira sp, 11-8-2010, ibid.)

Luiz, Os 6185 ainda est„o em manutenÁ„o. A propÛsito, quando achar um tempo, vou postar uns vÌdeos que fiz das antenas da Nacional da AmazÙnia. N„o tem muita qualidade, mas mostra algumas coisas. 73 (L˙cio Haeser, BrasÌlia, ibid.) History of RNB: see MUSEA far below

** BRAZIL. AlguÈm tem notÌcias da transmiss„o, em 49 metros, da R·dio Bandeirantes de SP? Seria propagaÁ„o, manutenÁ„o ou (infelizmente) abandono da frequÍncia (n„o acredito nisso devido ‡ potencialidade de abrangÍncia da emissora)? TambÈm j· faz tempo que n„o a ouÁo em 25 e 31 metros. Obrigado (Jo„o Ricardo Bergamini, PY4TW, 5 August, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Band[eirantes] 49 Metros em silÍncio

Jo„o Ricardo, Eu tambÈm estou achando falta das ondas curtas da Bandeirantes. A de 49 m È a que tinha propagaÁ„o aberta quase o dia todo. Em 31m em certa Època do ano. Em 25 m nunca pra mim, em virtude de ser frequÍncia com caracterÌsticas de atingir longas dist,ncias e quem est· um pouco prÛximo acaba ficando na zona de silÍncio.Enviei alguns e-mails para l·,mas n„o obtive resposta. Acredito que esteja em manutenÁ„o, j· que a transmiss„o em 49 m n„o se apresentava a contento. Interferia constantemente em outras frequÍncias.

Se acontecer o pior, que È a desativaÁ„o delas, aÌ eu posso afirmar sem errar que realmente as ondas curtas em transmissıes de broadcastings j· tÍm o buraco certo, sÛ falta jogar a terra. Principalmente em se tratando da Bandeirantes, que se notabilizou pelo Brasil todo utilizando-se das ondas curtas. Espero que esse silÍncio n„o seja f˙nebre. Vamos aguardar mais um pouco. Mesmo na espera, vou entupir a caixa de e-mails deles com perguntas. … o que h·,meu caro. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, PX2J0044, LIMEIRA -SP- 6-8-2010 sexta-feira, ibid.)

Seria uma pena essa perda. Pra mim, nada em 49 e 25 metros. Em 31 metros, esporadicamente. S·bado passado ouvi com clareza nessa faixa. (Arthur A Raimundo, Goi,nia GO, Aug 10, ibid.)

Caro Arthur, Ontem, dia 10, terÁa-feira, entre 13h e 15h30 [locais?] sintonizei a R·dio Bandeirantes em 31 metros, frequÍncia de 9645 kHz com muita clareza. A de 25 metros est· obstruÌda pela falta de reflex„o na ionosfera. As manchas solares est„o quase zero para altas frequÍncias. SÛ que depois das 15h30 a QRG de 9645 kHz 31 metros,

comeÁou a ser encoberta por broadcasting chinesa, talvez. Com os 31 metros no ar, significa que a frequÍncia de 6090 em 49m est· mesmo passando por manutenÁ„o. Vamos aguardar. A Band[eirantes] tem tradiÁ„o nas ondas curtas.

Outra emissora que prestigia as ondas curtas È a InconfidÍncia de BH em 6010 kHz. Nas suas vinhetas anuncia sempre, alÈm das ondas mÈdias e FM, as ondas curtas de 49 e 19 metros. … o que h·. 73 (Luiz, LIMEIRA -SP-, 11-8-2010, ibid.)

A Brazilian listener mentioned R. Bandeirantes unheard lately on 6090, 9645 or 11925, but I am still hearing its het de approx. 9645.3, against Vatican in Scandinavian, Aug 8 at 0505. I have not been hearing 11925v, however, in many bandscans around this time; nor other Brazilians on 25m. If any make it, aside from RNA on 11780 Sundays only, it`s SRDA on 11765v. Haven`t really paid attention, but 6090 is also off-frequency causing a low het to Anguilla when on, but so does Nigeria (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815, Aug 10 at 0540 familiar song but in Portuguese, deep fades, must be R. Brasil Central, inaudible on // 4985. 0544 live DJ, jingles, timecheck as 15 para as 3. Only other possible Brazilian on 25m was 11750, very weak but seems Portuguese. No sign of 11925v Bandeirantes or any others. Oops, I did not check 12175v.

Better luck on 31m: at 0548, 9675, 9665 and 9645.3 could be heard; 9665 had a YL caller on phone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 12175, SRDA, spurious signal probably from 11765 kHz, 0700, August 5, no carrier, reception possible in AM only. Usual miracles before 0700, David Mirandaís speech at 0700. Nice signal, partly distorted, with rapid fadings. Still audible at 0745 but already very weak and fading out (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Cancelled transmissions of Radio Bulgaria, due to a failure in one of the transmitters in Plovdiv. Some are assigned to other transmitters
2300-2400 7300 170 kW / 045 deg CeAs Russian, no // freqs, eff. 15/8
0100-0200 9400 170 kW / 295 deg CeAm Spanish, //6200&7400, eff. 16/8
0500-0530 7300 170 kW / 126 deg N/ME Turkish, //5900 only, eff. 16/8
0600-0630 11800 170 kW / 260 deg SoEu Spanish //15200 only, eff. 16/8
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 09 August via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

Estimados oyentes, les informamos que a partir del 15 de agosto y hasta finales de octubre habr· dos cambios en las frecuencias de transmisiÛn de los programas de Radio Bulgaria:

La emisiÛn de una hora desde la 1 UTC se podr· escuchar sÛlo en las

frecuencias de 6200 y 7400 kHz, o sea en 49 y 41 metros.
Y la emisiÛn de media hora desde las 0600 UTC se podr· captar sÛlo en 15200 kHz, equivalentes a los 19 metros (RB via JosÈ Bueno, Spain, Aug 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON. 6005, 1315 2 June, RTV Cameroon, regional reports in vernacular, 32323 (Dzever Ishenge, Benue State, Nigeria, Aug World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD) Buea, mostly daytime only and never, hardly ever reported beyond (gh, ibid.)

** CANADA. 6030.007, CFVP, Calgary, Aug 2, 0630-0645, briefly peaking with country music during MartÌ/Jammer silence (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. As I was checking for WTWW on 9479, came upon extremely distorted FMy blob covering roughly 9448-9460, August 8 at 0459, the CBC announcer immediately recognizable promoting upcoming BBC program after the news, ``The Strand``. Yes, // CBCNQ 9625, but it`s about to sign off, no Strand here!

And found matching blob between 9790 and 9800, spurs about 170 kHz either side. 0500 into news, 0505 sign-offs in English and French, 0506 ``O Canada`` on all three ranges, 0508 to open carriers; 9625 suffers from ACI de REE CR 9630. 0508:15 tone test starts, and it`s louder on the spurs. Sometimes the tone goes on for hours on 9625, but fortunately all were gone at next check 0521. The upper one had been blocking RFI on 9790. Around 1315, weak 9625 but no spurs detectable, back in whack for now (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. CBC NQ 9625 at 0023 on 9 August under whoosh whoosh QRM-something like frequency division multiplex (I think I got that right) but not quite. Not test tones. //1550 CBE. From 2300 on 9 August to past 0000 on 10 August, normal (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Liz, Your whoosh would be DRM 9625-9635 and beyond from REE Costa Rica (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. Canada technical enforcement --- Glenn, Many years ago in the 1970's I spent two weeks in Ottawa doing a small project for the Canadian Department of Communications (now "Industry Canada."). During my time in Ottawa there was a regional Canadian technical meeting of broadcast engineers (the one in the west is "WABE" but I forget the initials for the one in Ontario and vicinity).

I was invited by en engineer from one of the transmitter manufacturers

to make an "overnight" visit to a local AM site to look at some impedance bandwidth issues with the antenna. I was only mildly surprised to find that the station was operating during nighttime hours with the day pattern and power. I had seen this at least once if not twice before in the "lower mainland" area of Columbie Britannique.

When I asked, the station engineer said "the monitoring station is in our null so they can't tell and we don't care." So the next day I asked the technical folks at DOC for whom I was working (as a hypothetical question) just what they could do about stations that operated outside their authorized parameters. And they told me that (at least then) they had no authority to fine or restrict license renewal. All they could do would be to require that the station perform a new set of directional antenna measurements, and do so at frequent intervals until someone in management got the message.

I don't know what the situation in Canada is now, but I will say that in my experience in the U.S. and worldwide over the past 50 years, there are plenty of AM (and FM) stations that don't pay any attention to the power and antenna requirements. I designed an FM antenna/transmitter system for a client in a major European city about 25 years ago that was w-a-y over the authorized power almost entirely so that they would blow away the pirate stations that were operating within 3 or 4 hundred kHz either side of them.

I inspected a station in an unnamed eastern U.S. city last month that wasn't in compliance day or night, and I am fairly sure it hasn't been for at least the last 5 years. So why would you expect otherwise? When was the last time a major U.S. station had its license revoked for technical non-compliance? The only two really significant AM cases I can remember in the last 40 years are KRLA and KISN, both for political and not technical misbehavior. Same for Dr. Scott's LA FM and TV licenses. And same for the famous Boston TV case, WHDH-TV. Regards, ben (Benjamin F Dawson III, WA, Aug 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CHTK-560 Prince Rupert BC has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (99.1 MHz, 160 watts, 578 meters):
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-551.htm#20>

Application by Astral Media Radio (Toronto) Inc. and 4382072 Canada Inc., partners in a general partnership carrying on business as Astral Media Radio G.P. for a broadcasting licence to operate a new FM radio programming undertaking to replace the existing AM station, CHTK Prince Rupert.

The new station would operate on frequency 99.1 MHz (channel 256A) with an effective radiated power of 160 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 578

metres).

The applicant requests permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CHTK for a period of three months from the date of implementation of the new FM station.

The applicant also requests, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence for CHTK effective at the end of the simulcast period.

73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, Aug 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting news, indeed. During the day, the only stations on AM currently heard at my cottage are KTKN on 930 (the strongest), then CBC Terrace on 860 [sic --- it`s Prince Rupert ñ gh], and finally 560 CHTK which is still relatively strong during the day. Otherwise, we occasionally hear Sitka on 580 and Terrace on 590, and that's about it. Should open up 558 and 567 a bit during dawn enhancements (Walt Salmaniw, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC WON'T MEET DIGITAL TV DEADLINE
http://www.cbc.ca/technology/story/2010/08/06/cbc-digital-television-transition.html#ixzz0w248t47m
(via Andy Reid, Ont., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST) +105+ comments; Or:

http://www.cbc.ca/technology/story/2010/08/06/cbc-digital-television-transition.html
73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, WTFDA via DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. CBC TELEVISION SHOWS ON U.S. NETWORK TV

Soon, many Americans won't need E-skip or tropo propagation to catch Canadian content on the boob tube. Beginning this fall, CBC Television programs "Heartland" (drama), "18 to Life" (comedy) and "Steven and Chris" (daytime talk) make their debut on U.S. network television.
http://newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/August2010/05/c8713.html

Add that to the list of Canadian police dramas already airing in the U.S. ó "Rookie Blue" (Global/ABC), "Flashpoint" (CTV/CBS) and "The Bridge" (CTV/CBS). (Ricky Leong, Calgary, August 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Waaah, I wanna see ``Little Mosque on the Prairie`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio head: PROMISED LAND --- (The Guardian today features in its "Radio head" column a programme from Canada's CBC Radio One,

this reflects the fact that many UK radio listeners now listen online to overseas radio stations).

By Elisabeth Mahoney, The Guardian, 11 August 2010
http://www.guardian.co.uk/tv-and-radio/tvandradioblog/2010/aug/11/radio-head-promised-land

Promised Land, a series of documentaries on Canada's CBC Radio One http://www.cbc.ca/promisedland/ is based around a simple idea, introduced by presenter Natasha Fatah: "An escape that starts anywhere in the world but always ends in Canada".

They make gripping radio. These well-produced half-hour shows are driven by stories that cannot help but be dramatic, and are assembled to heighten that using archive news clips, music (especially for the most terrifying moments of the escape) and, most crucially, voice. Most of the telling is done by the escapees, or their families, and these programmes are testimony to how powerful personal stories can be on radio.

The most recent episode, Escape from Eritrea, features journalist Aaron Berhane, who fled in 2002 when the government closed the newspaper he had founded - the biggest independent newspaper in the country - and where he was editor-in-chief. His tale was an adrenalin rush just to listen to, let alone live. He was on the border, in the dead of night, when the border guards opened fire: "When I heard that," he recalled, "something was burning from inside. I just ran to the land of Sudan."

What gave this episode added poignancy was that Fatah interviewed him just a few weeks after his wife and children had finally joined him in Toronto after eight years' separation. This reunion framed the programme, and movingly so. It opened with the sound of his nine-year-old son singing a song in English that he had just learned at school, and closed with a comment from his daughter, who was 10 when he left. "Now, I'm a lady," she said, "Eighteen years old".

These are brilliant programmes, some telling stories from much closer to home - one includes an American army deserter - and all full of stubborn courage, braveness, luck and some jaw-dropping cruelty. Like the very best radio, they stay with you long after you've listened enrapt (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

As in Monitoring Reminders Calendar, Promised Land airs on Mondays at 2230+, Fridays at 1230+ UT at least thru August (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 5035, 25.7 1840, R Centrafrique. Very

typical African vocal music. Good modulation though not very strong (Arne Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Aug 8 via DXLD)

** CHAD. Vi invio alcuni ascolti estivi, effettuati dal "solito" sito di San Marco la Catola (FG), 700 metri sul livello del mare nel mezzo del niente! Rumore elettrico inesistente, peccato per il QRN atmosferico da temporali. Equipaggiamento: Perseus connesso ad una antenna filare esterna di 15 metri tramite un balun 1:3. Come PC un leggerissimo NetBook Asus 1201n. Buone ferie a tutti!

Tchad, 6165, R. Nationale Tchaidienne, Ndjamena, 2055, Aug 07, men talking about current affairs, no time-signal at 2100, French. Good (Michele D'Amico, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5050, Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1228-1312, August 6. Mostly in Vietnamese; BoH IDs (ìThis is Guangxi Beibu Bay Radioî); seemed to mostly be the ìRoad to Healthî show; ToH pips (5+1) and IDs; ìB-B-R Newsî; ìWeather Reportî; fair with very faint AIR Aizawl QRM. Audio of ID and English words at http://www.mediafire.com/?m1dg6h1tctle7yh (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5050, 11 AUG, 2300 UT, Beibu Bay Radio, time pips into announcements in Vietnamese (according to sked) by woman and man. Fair signal level with moderate fading (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. According to Chinese DXer Zhang Shifeng, Voice of the Strait (Fuchou) declared in their website http://www.vos.com.cn that they issued 2010 new QSL card on July 26. They welcome reception reports from DXers via S-mail (P.O. Box 187, Fuchou, Fujian, 350012 China) or E-mail vos @ vos.com.cn

In the reception report, write date, time, frequency, program contents, as well as the comments on their broadcast or programs. Reporters should also notice the requirement of QSL card in the report (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Aug 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 7270. PBS Nei Menggu, 1232, August 9. After recently being off the air or broadcasting with extremely poor audio, they finally have fixed the transmitter. Heard with both good signal and modulation. Wai FM faintly heard underneath.

7270. PBS Nei Menggu (Mongolian Service), 1220-1340, August 11. Coverage of the opening ceremonies of the National Traditional Games of Ethnic Minorities of Inner Mongolia; frequently in English; participants marching into the stadium and each delegation being

welcomed; ìStand up please. Greet the national flag of the P.R.C. and sing the national song of the P.R.Cî ("March of the Volunteers"), ìRaise the flag and play the anthemî, ìGood evening. Now we are here in beautiful . . . to start the First . . International . . and the 7th National Traditional Games of Ethnic Minorities of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Regionî; ToH live musical performances (traditional and pop music); // 6040; continual QRM from Wai FM (Ramadan non-stop reciting from the Qurían). Two levels of announcers; those with live coverage from the stadium (English, etc.) and on top of that radio announcers with commentary; would have been much more enjoyable with just the coverage from the stadium, as the radio announcers blocked a lot of what was being said in English, but still very nice programming!

The brief audio attachment is of some of the English segments.

This sports meet, occurring every 4 years, started in 1953 as a way to recognize the importance of honoring the many ethnic minorities in China. Events include horse racing, archery, sheep chasing on horseback, wrestling, swinging, springboard jumping, dragon-boat racing, mountaineering and single bamboo pole drifting.
http://blog.greenearthbamboo.com/20100811/bamboo-marvels/ancient-folk-sport-in-china-the-skill-of-bamboo-pole-drifting/
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just don`t forget you`re a minority and stay in your place, kowtow to the ChiCom Han imperialists (gh)

** CHINA. 8400, Firedrake (FD) jamming heard again after a short absence. Scan from 7100 through 18000 from 1313 to 1328, August 6. Upper bands seemed to have a blackout, as I heard no stations. Only found this FD active with strong signal. Checked at 1411 to hear SOH (presumed) in the clear with fair signal (clearly not CNR1, as not // 6125); went checking for other SOH/FD frequencies (nothing found), but at 1412 back to 8400 to find that FD had started up again (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tho Ron Howard found Firedrake had resumed sporadically on 8400, when I checked Aug 7 at 1305, nothing audible in noise level and poor propagation, neither FD nor Sound of Hope; nor anywhere up to 13 MHz before 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

August 8 Firedrake back again on 8400 at 1231. Still going at 1356 till 1400*, back on at *1409. Seems they are now taking a longer break at the ToH than the traditional 5 minutes that was noted in the past. Strong signal from FD, but was able to hear SOH (presumed) in Chinese underneath and during the 9 minute break (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING

DIGEST) see TAIWAN

Still hunting for Firedrake, which has virtually disappeared this fortnight, nothing found after 1305 Aug 8 from 8400 up --- until I get to 17515 at 1324. Poor signal, but no mistaking it, as it`s in ``ramshorn`` passage always at this minute, followed by heavy drumming, and cut off at 1330*. Per Aoki the target is BBC Uzbek via Cyprus, which was completely inaudible.

15520, Aug 8 at 1358, weak Chinese mentioning Meiguo, 1359 typical CNR1 hyper-assertive declamation, one pip and off at 1400*. Per Aoki, V. of Tibet has been on 15521 or 15522 for Chinese via Tajikistan at 1330-1342, 1200-1208 respectively. I didn`t think to check whether what I was hearing was on exactly 15520, but may as well have been as a jammer. See also UNID 15562

[and non]. 15430, Aug 9 at 1335, weak signal in Chinese, accompanied by a weaker carrier on 15433, and an even weaker one on 15435. V. of Tibet is scheduled via UAE on 15430 at 1330-1400 in Tibetan, but frequency can vary to avoid jamming. Probably what I had on 15430 was CNR1 jamming, and one of the others possibly VOT or more jamming; nothing scheduled on 15435.

Meanwhile, no Firedrakes at all found this morning, altho I did not get to 17515 before 1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

8400, Firedrake, *1517, August 9. From 1508 heard presumed SOH in the clear with monotonous non-stop talking in Chinese till covered by a strong Firedrake. So the timing of their break at the ToH varies a lot (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake (FD) August 10:
8400, FD, *1210; *1308 and *1508. Presumed SOH in the clear during the FD break at ToH, with non-stop talking in Chinese till covered by strong FD.

13755, from 1505 to 1521, both FD and also CNR1 echo jamming against VOA.

15185, from 1505 to 1521, could only hear FD against VOA, which was holding up fairly well to the jamming, so unable to hear the possible additional jamming of the echo CNR1 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake August 10:
 8400, fair at 1220; maybe a trace at 1420 when 11500 still in
11500, good at 1232 and // 8400. Still good at 1420, but poor by 1434

CNR1 jamming:
15795, Aug 10 at 1235, an echo apart from 11805. 15795 is of course blocking All India Radio`s only Chinese service, 1145-1315. The other frequencies, uplooked later, are 11840 and 17705, which I expect are also jammed.

15600, Aug 10 at 1242, fair signal in Indonesian, conveniently mentioning China, and ```CRI Beijing``. Oops, not Indonesian, but ``Malaysian``, per Aoki at 1230-1327, 100 kW, 175 degrees from Kunming-Anning. Also in well the next morning, best signal from Asia on band; good kunditions from Kunming.

Firedrake Aug 11:
8400, very poor with heavy flutter, at 1251. No others found up to 18 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Glenn, last evening, August 11, I spent some time watching Sound of Hope frequencies and found 8400, 9380, 10500, 11500. 8400 was good and stable with many SOH IDs, the others a little up and down, with clear SOH IDs also on 11500 and 9380, which were in parallel, while the others had separate programmes. 10500 was talk in the same style as 11500, but a different channel and not CNR-1. The time period was 2015 to 2215. When 7105 started with clear SOH IDs at 2200 it was not in parallel with any of the others. Propagation was above normal for East Asia.

Except for 7105, there was NO trace of any jamming, neither CNR-1, nor Firedrake. 7105 was jammed as usual with CNR-1, starting ten or so seconds after the SOH ID. I have in fact noted on several occasions before that SOH is often (but not always) free of jamming at this time of the (European) evening (Olle Alm, Sweden, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 12:
8400, nothing at 1325; could well be on but just not propagating
10500, fair at 1331
14400, very poor at 1337
14700, very poor at 1337 but slightly better than 14400
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. HOW VOICE OF AMERICA GETS AROUND THE GREAT FIREWALL OF CHINA

For Chinese citizens, accessing information that Beijing hasn't screened beforehand is hard enough. For blacklisted "subversive organizations," though, drawing an audience in the first place can be infinitely more difficult. Take Voice of America, for example. The

U.S. government's official broadcasting arm develops shows in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese -- but in China, it might as well be broadcasting dead air.

Only 0.1 percent of China's population actually listens to VOA's radio and TV shows, according to an oversight report (pdf) issued yesterday by the U.S. State Department.
http://oig.state.gov/documents/organization/145823.pdf

Meanwhile, the Chinese government actively jams VOA's transmissions by playing competing material on all its frequencies and blocks Chinese Internet users from accessing VOA's Chinese Web site. It's a coordinated strategy that should sound familiar to anyone who's lived in China or read about the mainland regime's penchant for censorship.

But VOA has its own tricks, too. Among them? A never-ending e-mail campaign that tells eight million Chinese a day to use proxy servers to circumvent the Great Firewall . . .
http://blog.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/08/03/
how_voice_of_america_secretly_undermines_the_great_firewall_of_china
---- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The OIG report is marked on every page SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED; but wherever that appears, it has been marked out in red. Yet small portions appear to have been redacted (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** CHINA. BEIJING WORKERS TO RESUME RADIO PHYSICAL EXERCISES
http://www.chinahush.com/2010/08/05/beijing-workers-to-resume-radio-physical-exercises/

(QQ) Having 59 years of history, the Radio Exercises (????: set of gymnastic exercises for groups conducted through radio music) was stopped in Beijing for the past 3 years, but it will be resumed on august 9, 2010. According to city Federation of Trade Unions spokesperson, 40,000 employees of government organizations, departments and enterprises will be doing the group exercises together along with the music from the ìbig speakersî.

Yesterday, the Beijing Municipal Federation of Trade Unions said starting August 9, at 10 am and 3 pm daily, Beijing will resume the broadcast of the radio exercises music, the frequency is 102.5 FM.

The Federation of Trade Unions will pursue the Radio Exercises version number 8 to total of 40,000 employees at institutions, departments and enterprises, the length of the exercises is 8 minutes.

This means the awesome scene of Beijing workers following the ìbig

speakersî doing group exercises together at the same time is about to reappear in the capital city.

In order to publicize this event, the Beijing Municipal Federation of Trade Unions, Municipal Sports Bureau, the Municipal Health Bureau and other organizations, also will launch the ì2010 capital workers to demonstrate popularizing work-break exercises (???)î campaign between August 9 and August 16. At the same time they also launched the propaganda slogan of ìdoing work break exercises for 30 minutes, working in good health for 50 yearsî, and specially designed the even logo.

Prior to this, because of the 2008 Beijing Olympic broadcasting programs, the radio exercises music was off the air in 2007. In 2009, the Beijing government promulgated ìHealthy Beijingnese ñ National Health 10 year Action Planî which determined to promote work-break (or before work) exercises, and also required each employee to conduct daily fitness activities.

ìThe Radio Exercises has always been the main form of work-break exercises for all the organizations and enterprises.î City Federation of Trade Unions Vice-chairman Yu Junsheng introduced the first version of exercises in 1951, and the exercises are updated every 5 to 10 years.

Yu Junsheng said that apart from the Radio Exercises, the City Federation of Trade unions will also promote other forms of exercises base on different industries and jobs. Currently there are the exercises that incorporates dancing ñ ìdouble-loop exercisesî, Yoga exercises, and the Tai Chi exercises which are more suitable for white-collar workers.

In the future, diabolo (Hollow bamboo), shuttlecock (hacky sack), flower sticks and other traditional folk sports are also expected to be included into the work-break exercises.

The Radio Exercises Version 8: [4 minute video of a fit YL]
(via Benn Kobb, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

Here`s where regimentation could not be such a bad thing. Most Americans, myself certainly included could use such stimulus (gh, only whose fingers get plenty exercise, DXLD)

** CHINA. 8417.5, 09 AUG, 1532 UT, XSV Tianjin Radio, CW ID and SITOR bursts. Weak but clear. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Historia de la RadiodifusiÛn en Bucaramanga 1929-2005

Hola Colegas, Para los interesados en libros sobre historia radial, a travÈs del enlace que les envÌo http://cultural.uis.edu.co/temas.php pueden descargar el Libro Historia de la RadiodifusiÛn en Bucaramanga 1929-2005, que fue editado por la Universidad Industrial de Santander. AllÌ hay una interesante recopilaciÛn sobre las emisoras de esta ciudad y del Departamento de Santander, asÌ como una reseÒa de los pioneros de la radio y fotos de la Època dorada de la radio.

Para poderlo descargar es mejor dar ìclic derecho, guardar destino comoî sobre la palabra ìdescargarî. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. ñ COLOMBIA; Visite: http://dxdesdecolom bia.blogspot.com/ Aug 11, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. BOGOTA (AFP) - ñ A powerful explosion rocked northern Bogot· early Thursday, causing extensive damage to a private radio station and shattering windows of buildings in the area, witnesses said. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The blast caused the collapse of a large part of the roof of a building housing the Caracol radio station, forcing its evacuation, reporters for the radio station said. An AFP reporter at the scene said the explosion blew out windows and shook many buildings in the area (via Bob Wilkner, FL, Aug 12, HCDX via DXLD)

BOMB BLAST HITS BOGOT¡ RADIO STATION
Colombia Reports. By Kirsten Begg 12 August 2010

A powerful bomb exploded Thursday close to the Bogot· headquarters of national broadcaster Caracol Radio, reportedly injuring at least four people.

The blast occurred at 5.30 AM as Caracol journalist Dario Arizmendi began his daily broadcast. The seventh floor ceiling collapsed above Arizmendi and several colleagues. The twelve-floor building was evacuated immediately and surrounding building have also been affected. The office of former Colombian President CÈsar GavirÌa is located in the same building.

General CÈsar PinzÛn, Bogot· police commander said a car bomb had not been ruled out as the cause of the blast. An anti-explosives unit will investigate the cause of the explosion.

http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/11302-bomb-blast-rattles-bogota-radio-station.html

Caracol Radio of the "Colombian Radio Network" is one of the main radio networks in Colombia. Founded in MedellÌn in 1948 when La Voz de Antioquia station acquired the 50% of Emisoras Nuevo Mundo, based in

Bogot·. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caracol_Radio
(via Mike Terry, Aug 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CROATIA. 6164.42, at 1817 17 July, V of Croatia, Zadar, presumed, continuous pop music, SIO 343 (Alan Pennington, UK, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Pretty far off-frequency, 580 Hz (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 5025, R. Rebelde, Aug 8 at 0520 just open carrier, but that`s all I need to compare to 4025 for Star Radio, Liberia, which was not making it at all. That could be because L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Brasil, found it on 3900 instead this date at 0647-0705! Certainly no improvement for the DXer; why such a move? 4025 was a nice clear frequency, no QRhaM; all they needed was more oomph and modulation.

Sunday Aug 8 at 1347, tuning by RHC 15120, I notice that instead of the DX program En Contacto, scheduled at 1335-1350, the stamp program El Mundo de la Filatelia is on instead! At 1352, airing correctly the scheduled program from 1350, En CompaÒÌa del Doctor, medical advice. Was there a tape mixup between EC and EMDLF? Or a radical shakeup in programmation? Filatelia nominal time is 1410, as well as 1110; should have checked whether DX showed up at 1410. See also VENEZUELA [non]

The En Contacto repeat at 0135 UT Monday was still in place, checked Aug 9 at 0137 having just started with Happy Birthday segment.

Altho En Contacto, RHC`s Spanish DX program was replaced by the stamp program Sunday Aug 8 before 1350 as in previous report, EC appeared as usual for a later repeat, checked at 0137 UT Monday Aug 9 on 11760, during the opening happy-birthday segment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. New Cuba provinces? Listening to the mailbag program with "Little Ed Newman (sp?)" tonight on 5040, he script-read that there were historically six provinces, then 14 (circa-1976) and now we will expand to 16 (but if bastard child Isle of Youth is coming aboard as he stated, that makes 17?), effective January 1, 2011. Well, that's what I thought he said: I may have quoted wrongly, or over-counted one. If so, apologies, Lil' Eddie.

Not sure about the math, but this is what Wiki says, along with silly typo's, where I base my bad math on:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_of_Cuba
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, UT Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. Re: Question - address for BBC Limassol Cyprus relay station? I am looking for the current address for the BBC Limassol,

Cyprus relay station. The 2009 address I have is apparently outdated or incorrect, the PO Box (209) no longer being correct. Thanks in advance, Bruce Jensen

Hi Bruce, Curiously enough, the East Mediterranean relay station is listed among embassies and consulates (!) on the Foreign & Commonwealth Office web pages http://www.fco.gov.uk
The address you are looking for is:

PO Box 54912
Limassol
from
http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/find-an-embassy/europe/east-mediterranean-relay-station

On the other hand, editors of Middle East on Shortwave, published by BDXC, point out that the box number is 4912.

I trust both sources, and it's unclear which one is true. 73, (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan, Russia, Aug 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. QSL: CyBC, 963, f/d view of studios card in 42 days for English report and US $2 return postage (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS NORTHERN (TURKEY). QSL: Bayrak RTV, 1098, no/data thank you letter in 126 days for English report, US $3 return postage. V/s Arben Fetoshi, Director of RTK (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319 USB, 11 AUG, 2049 UT, BIOT Diego Garcia, AFRTS with PSA's and money advice show, into NPR's All Things Considered and news. If I ever get lonely for US-style talk radio, this is the station I would tune into. Good signals with some RTTY QRM from 2.5 kHz higher (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780 for years has been crushed by strong co-channel digital ute for most of the evening at my location. Recently, however, the ute moved up about 2 kHz, so now the lower sideband of R. Djibouti is free for enjoying their HOA music. On August 12 their transmission was extended by one hour to 2200, no doubt due to the beginning of Ramadan (Olle Alm, Sweden, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025, R. Amanecer. August 4 off the air; August 5 with 0304*: August 6 with 0313* (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach,

CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9280, R. Cairo, Abis, 2106-108 July 10 with Yl talking, presumably in listed French but audio so horribly garbled one couldn`t be certain, sigs to 40 dB.

9305, R. Cairo, El Bernameg Al-Aam, Abis, 2110-2112 July 10 in Arabic, OM & YL talks with music bridges, slightly more intelligible than 9280, but audio still terrible. Huge 60 dB signal (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Egyptian Radio Television Union, 6270, via Abu Za`bal, full data ``Broadcast and TV Building`` card with a f/d letter in 99 days for a postcard and $1.00. v/s Amgad Bligh, Head of Spectrum and Monitoring Department (Kivell, FL, QSL Report, Aug NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** ERITREA. ERITR…IA, 7175 kHz, 08/08 1950-2000 Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea, musicais, encerramento por OM, hino nacional, S/OFF. http://www.ipernity.com/blog/76129/home
rx: Degen DE1103, antena telescÛpica (Samuel C·ssio Martins, S„o Carlos SP, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ESTONIA. ESTONIAN PUBLIC BROADCASTING LAUNCHES NEWS IN ENGLISH

Eesti Rahvusringh%%ling (Estonian Public Broadcasting) launched the English-language news portal ERR News this week. The editor of ERR News, Scott Diel, said that the mission of ERR News http://news.err.ee/ is to offer an English-language window to Estonia.

ìWe will offer translations supplemented with background and context for foreign readers, plus a fair helping of original content. And not only will we provide a picture of what is happening in Estonia to the abroad, but weíll also serve as a platform for when Estonians wish to say something to more than just their fellow countrymen. And we hope to do both those things at the highest professional standard.î (Source: Baltic Business News)

Related stories:
    * Estonian Radio to broadcast in Azerbaijani/English
    * Estonian National Broadcasting to publish news in English
(August 10th, 2010 - 11:56 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) So now is this about audio, ``radio`` or just text? (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, 1840 10 July, V of Tigray Revolution, Mekele (presumed), HOA-type music, songs, talk, phone-in, vernacular, SIO 242; no sign of BBC WS via Oman at this time (Tony Rogers, Birmingham UK, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromia, Addis Ababa, Aug 2, *0321-0529*, xylophone sounding interval signal, perhaps a lamellophone. ID by man at 0330, brief talk by woman then Ethiopian vocal. This format of somber talks inter-spaced with lively music continued. Fair signal on the lower side band until a pulsing noise started up at around 0430 (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7135 (new?), R. Ethiopia, Geja Dera, 1702-1727, 08 Aug'10, vernacular, talks; 35332, only occasional amateur QRM; \\ 9704.2. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15350, impassioned speech in presumed Amharic, Aug 11 at 1850-1900* abruptly off. Aoki lists as daily 1800-1900 Radio Bilal, via Samara, Russia, 250 kW, 188 degrees but seems too good for that. Next day, barely audible, so that`s more like it. Website, much of it in English, is http://www.radio-bilal.com/radio/

with apparently outdated info:
``Station Broadcast, wavelength, time and region covered
Language: Amharic
Broad cast frequency: on 9610 kHz and 31 meter band.
Time 1700-1800 UTC (8-9pm. ethio.kemishtu 2-3)
Beam region: East Africa``

It`s for Islamic Ethiopians. But what does the name mean? Unfound. Google does not yet translate Amharic, and romanized Arabic to English respits ``Bilal``.

Address displayed is:
Bilal Communication Inc.
4324 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011
Tel +1 202 239 1485

WRTH has no details but same phone, different address as
P O Box 34264,
Washington DC 20043
shouldn`t the first two of the box and last two of ZIP match?

Listening to last part of Aug 11 audio file, did not sound like what I was hearing, however, and no ID caught (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. EUROPirates: 1645.8, R. Happy Miner, HOL, 2159-..., 07 Aug'10, Dutch music & songs; 35343.

1650, R. Napoleon, HOL, 2209-..., 02 Aug'10, Dutch songs; 35332.

1665.3, R. Jan de Bak, HOL, 2220..., 03 Aug'10, Dutch songs; 35442.

3901.1, R. Sallaandse Boer, HOL, 2206-..., 06 Aug'10, songs; 25342.

3931.6, Bogusman, G?, 2108-..., 07 Aug'10, English, chatter, pops; 25331.

5800, R. Rapido, site?, 2105-..., 07 Aug'10, English, songs; 25331.

6220, Mystery R, I, 2103-..., 07 Aug'10, English (for IDs only), pops; 54433.

6295, Reflections Europe, IRL, 2211-..., 08 Aug'10, English, rlgs. propag. prgrs; abruptly off at 2212, terribly distorted. The other parallel outlets of 3910 & 12255 were off when checked at 2212; 45444.

6300.8, R. Mustang, HOL, 1904..., 06 Aug'10, Dutch/English, folk tunes, pops; 45433.

6304.8, R. Marconi, HOL, 2049-..., 07 Aug'10, pops; bad audio during speech; 45332.

6324.9, R. Underground, G?, 1802-..., 08 Aug'10, pops; 25342.

6310, Delta R, HOL, 2050..., 07 Aug'10, Dutch, pops; 54343.

6912.1, Cactus Jack R, site?, 2055-..., 07 Aug'10, English, pops, stn. slogan; 45343.

6912.1, ditto, 1211-..., 08 Aug'10, pops; 15341; vy. good at 1800.
73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Carlos hears a lot of these, which I usually leave to his full reports posted in the yg (gh)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS. RADIO WORLD LOOKS AT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS RADIO SERVICE

James Careless has written an illustrated feature for Radio World called Local Broadcasting at the Base of the World,
http://www.rwonline.com/article/104448
which profiles the Falkland Islands Radio Service (FIRS). Once one of the most exotic DX catches on shortwave, these days FIRS can be heard worldwide via its website. http://www.firs.co.fk/index.php
(August 6th, 2010 - 14:39 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

2 Comments on ìRadio World looks at the Falkland Islands Radio Serviceî

1. #1 robert on Aug 8th, 2010 at 01:52
However, you have to register on the FIRS website to get to the live stream - not something I would do as you have to give your home address!

2. #2 radiomensch on Aug 8th, 2010 at 13:28
Reciva has this URL listed:
http://asx.abacast.com/falkland_islands_radio-live-24.asx
which isnít working at the moment (MN blog comments, ibid.)

** FINLAND. 11690, 2045 3 July, SWR, Virrat, talk, clear ID, Finnish / English, 33443 (Zdenek Elias, Czechia, Aug WDXC Contact via DXLD)

6170, 0845-1425 Sat 07.08, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish DX-programme // 11720, 25222. However, at 0930-1425 only the very weak carrier was audible and audio had faded out!

11690, 1335-1425 Sat 07.08, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish ann and Finnish songs 35333

11720, 0845-1250 Sat 07.08, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish ann, DX-programme and Finnish songs 35343. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. QSLs: Radio 700, 6005, 1 kW(!), f/d card of Spanish tourist destination they are recommending in 80 days for English report and US $2.00 return postage.

Deutschlandfunk, 6190, f/d studio card in 97 days for English report and US $2.00 (returned).

Bayerischer Rundfunk, 6085 DRM, f/d antenna card in 63 days for English report and US $2.00 (returned).

Suedwestrundfunk, 576, f/d logo card in 67 days plus branded post-it note pad and program guide for English report and US $2.00 return postage. V/s: Udo Merzig

Evangeliums Rundfunk, 1539 (700 kW!), f/d Mainflingen antenna card in 54 days for English report and US $5.00. V/s: Juergen Werth and Lothar Ruehl (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. QSL: DDK9 Deutscher Wetterdienst, 10100.8, n/d email QSL in 1 day for English email report of RTTY intercept. V/s: Wilfried Behncke (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. Reinforcing my impression that my recent log of DW German on 9465 was unusual, compared to the nightly reception on 9480, even tho both are listed as from Rwanda: Aug 5 at 0524, 9480 was VG while 9465 was only poor. 9480 is 30 degrees, 9465 180 degrees --- neither favorable for here around 315 degrees, so why the disparity? Possibly we are normally in a big sidelobe from one and a null from the other. Also could be that for maintenance or whatever, DW made a temporary site substitution not listed. BTW, 9480 changes to Woofferton site after 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNID 9479

** GERMANY [non]. UNID: 7 August 2010 at 1630 UT tune-in on 15410 kHz. Excellent interview between a moderator and two people being questioned about Cuba and the two Castros. Programming much too Western in nature to be coming from Cuba, more like a BBC interview, though it wasn't BBC. Interview ended at 1656, no ID, into an electronic guitar and drum musical selection until apparent sign-off at 1659. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In English? Scheduled is DW via Rampisham UK (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, My previous logging on 7 August 2010 from 1631 to 1659 UT on 15410 kHz was observed again on 8 August 2010 in the same time slot and frequency. I have identified it as DW Radio, with their news program entitled ìWorld In Progress.î This was followed by ìListenerís Box.î There was an excellent feature story on World In Progress today (Sunday) about the victims of apartheid in the new South Africa from 1621 to 1630. Fair signal on 15410 kHz, which is listed as a relay via the UK (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, Aug 9, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Yes, program was in English and confirmed as DW per my latest e-mail as well. The one thing that did surprise me while listening in this time slot was the fact that I did not hear one station ID, even at signoff. However, on Sunday, 8 August 2010 at the same time, there were several ID's given. Thank you for the follow up. 73's, (Ed Insinger, ibid.)

15460, Aug 12 at 1420, poor with talk in Amharic, some reverb but no jamming audible. It`s DW via RWANDA, 1400-1457, 250 kW non-direxional. Don`t usually hear this, but only thing in the area, with no reception from Antarctica today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Voice of Greece. Sunday 8 August. 1305 UT. 15630 and 9420. No sign of the scheduled English programme "Greek in Style" today. However - there's an enjoyable programme of non-stop traditional / typical Greek music (with canned IDs) playing instead - so am staying with the broadcast anyway (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Kalaalit Nunaata Radioa, letter without details (just thank you for your letter and report) received from Nauja Brons in 142 days. Return postage was 2 US$ (Sergej Rogov, London N4, QSL Report, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** GUAM. AWR logged on 7 August 2010 from 1600 UT sign on in English on 11720 kHz. ID at sign on: "This is AWR, the following program is in English," followed by brief religious message and then music. Signal just audible above noise floor. Transmission beamed from Guam to India. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Hallo an Alle, Heute Nacht habe ich mal wieder den Sony 7600G und meine abstimmbare Aktievloop mit in den Garten genommen und was ich so gehˆrt habe war gar nicht so schlecht.

4052- 0023 UTC R. Verdat [sic] GTM schwach mit Sprachprogramm.

Gruƒ (Erwin Duldner, Germany, Aug 5, A-DX list via Rudolf Grimm, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

?! First report we`ve seen that R. Verdad has finally been reactivated after years, but needs to be confirmed.

Nothing specific about this on their website,
http://www.radioverdad.org --- hard to find 4052.5 even mentioned any more, but there was this dated May 12, 2010:

URGENTE RADIO VERDAD
Enviado por emadrid el MiÈ, 05/12/2010 - 17:46.

DOS INGENIEROS FAMOSOS EST¡N TRABAJANDO EN LA REPARACI”N DE NUESTRO NUESTRO TRANSMISOR DE ONDA CORTA. ASÕ ES QUE, EST… ATENTO PARA CUANDO SALGAMOS OTRA VEZ AL AIRE POR ONDA CORTA.*******

There might be new info on the blog,
http://www.radioverdadguatemala.blogspot.com/
but the entries are not dated! Only the time, with year and month underneath.

Program schedule shows: Mon-Sat 1100-0605; Sunday 1255-0605, and the lo-fi webcast is working (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Verdad was reported from Germany Aug 5 at 0023 on 4052, indicating they have finally got the SW transmitter fixed. However, details were sparse and am awaiting any confirmation. On Aug 10 I did not get around to checking 4052.5 until 0557, but nothing there. Nominal schedule is until 0605*.

As of Aug 9 there was nothing on their website
http://www.radioverdad.org
or their blog
http://www.radioverdadguatemala.blogspot.com/
about this; I forwarded the report to Dr. Madrid, but no reply from him yet. So we need to keep looking for it earlier in the evening, and also from *1100 Mon-Sat. Nope, nothing there at 0310 Aug 11 either (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, I also saw this LOG Radio Verdad on August 6. I sent a message to Mr. Madrid the same day and until today he did not answer me. So I have my doubts about returning to R. Verdad (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG - Brasil, Aug 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AlÙ Glenn, No site da R·dio Verdad, se informa que a emiss„o em OC est· pendente ainda, e que em breve eles ir„o voltar ao ar.

"PARA SINTONIZAR RADIO VERDAD - EST… PENDIENTE, PORQUE LUEGO VAMOS A SALIR AL AIRE TAMBI…N POR ONDA CORTA EN 4.0525 MHZ. SW."

Acredito que eles ainda n„o retornaram, pois enviei mensagem ao Sr. Madrid e ele n„o me retornou. Um abraÁo, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG - Brasil, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 4899.98, 2030-2040 04.08, Familia SW (presumed) talk in UNID language, 25121 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GUYANA. 3289.98, GBC, Georgetown, 0356-0400 July 14. OM with really terrible assortment of non-music, like ``I`m On My Way`` (Lionel Ritchie?), stuff you`d either hear in the dentist`s wating room, or while waiting for Jim Jones to pass out the KoolAid. QRM-free in USB mode, but neck-and-neck with static at this hour (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

3290, GBC, 0940 flute instrumental usual om announcer, under t-storm, "60 million dollars" for something 0945 modern subcontinental music 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters,

http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. [3290 not !] Morgenlogs. Hallo, ich habe heute frueh mal schnell uebers 90 und 60m Band gedreht und Folgendes (nicht) gehoert. Stichwort [ex-]Guyana Broadcasting Corporation[now NCN - National Communications Network Georgetown] auf 90mb, hier ist bei mir eine breiter PSK Sender dominant. Es besteht keine Chance ein Signal herauszufischen (Thomas Lindenthal-D, A-DX Aug 3)

New Georgetown, Vreed-en-Hoop site:
<http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=06+45+58.96+N+58+13+52.87+W&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.754035,56.293945&ie=UTF8&t=h&ll=6.766194,-58.231318&spn=0.001803,0.003436&z=19>

Re 3290,
3289 monitored in Rambouillet France, is UTE somewhat from Doncaster Sheffield Great Britain in J7B mode. G.C. 01 02 W 53 37 N

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/docs/monitoring/files/pdffiles/326.pdf>

F RAMBOUILLET 3289.00 06 05 0000-0600 37.0 G 2K60E J7B 1 W 2 53 N 37
F RAMBOUILLET 3289.00 05 05 0600-2359 28.0 G 2K60E J7B 1 W 2 53 N 37
(BC-DX Aug 11 via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis, 0035 om en espaÒol good signal 4 August; 1037 carrier on, no audio, 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files]m Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4799.994, AIR Hyderabad (presumed), Aug 2, *0040-0050, threshold audio briefly heard at sign-on, talk by man then woman (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also KASHMIR

** INDIA. 5010, AIR Thiru'puram, 1218-1300+ Jul 31. Regional music to 1224, then 5-minute talk segment in language; 1230 AIR ID and English news; 1235-1239 flute music, then another 5-minute talk segment in language at 1240. Fair reception at best, gradually deteriorating, though still there at ToH with ongoing talk, very weak now. Getting audio on low-band Indians is rare here (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aug 9, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500. Monday (August 9) ìVividhaî program in English; today is an important day in Indian history; the Quit India movement was a civil disobedience movement that happened back in 1942, with the call for the immediate independence of India from British rule. ID and intro at http://www.mediafire.com/?i76iydvt9406i4e
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. In NJ, noted the best shot to hear All India Radio at 1330-1500 on 13710 with fair level // poor 11620 and 9690; unfortunately China Radio Int'l is also on 13710 co-channel with last half-hour in French until 14 and then English after a beam change, both via Kashi site (Joe Hanlon, NJ, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Monitoring observations
Here are my latest monitoring observations of AIR.

1. AIR Aligarh, 9470 National Channel, Monitoring of 9th Aug 2010 shows that wrong feed was given for very long time as follows:

Around 1330 UT: Urdu Service (?) in progress instead of news. When I checked at 1425 UT, GOS English was there with Faithfully yours program. GOS continued till 1500. Then after test tone National Channel program started from 1505 UT.

2. AIR Gorakhpur on 3945 is noted drifting again. Yesterday 9th August at 1506 they were on 3946 kHz. At 1712 when I checked they were on 3944 kHz.

3. AIR Jeypore, Orisssa is heard with very low audio only on 5040 kHz lately. Earlier they used to be very clear. They are noted off air on 6040 kHz also.

4. Now is the time to check for any clear signals of AIR Port Blair on 4760 as AIR Leh is off air on 4760. [but see KASHMIR]

5. AIR Delhi at 0030-0040 & 0100-0200 is nowadays noted on 7371 kHz rather than 7370 (Jose Jacob, Hyderabad, India, Aug 9, dx_india yg via DXLD)

SPECIAL BROADCASTS BY A I R ON AUG 15 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Hello Friends, India became an independent nation on 15 August 1947. August 15 is a National holiday and on that day, Flag Hoisting, Parades and other functions are held all over India.

The main event takes place in New Delhi where the Prime Minster

hoists the National Flag at the Red Fort and delivers a nationally televised speech from its ramparts.

All India Radio will broadcast the running commentary in English and Hindi about the Flag Hoisting, Parade and Prime Minister`s speech to be held at Red Fort, New Delhi between 0135-0240 UT (0705-0810 hrs IST) on 15th August, 2010 on the following frequencies.

English:
4860 Delhi 50 kW
11830 Delhi 50 kW
13620 Bengaluru 500 kW
15050 Delhi 250 kW
17510 Delhi 250 kW

Hindi:
4860 Delhi 50 KW
6030 Delhi 100 KW
6155 Bengaluru 500 kW
7340 Mumbai 100 kW
9595 Delhi 250 KW
11620 Aligarh 250 KW
15135 Delhi 50 KW

(Note: External Services in Urdu on 6155, 7340, 9595, 11620 are replaced by Commentary at this time)

The SW Regional Stations will start using their daytime frequencies about 1 hour or more earlier than usual on 15th August as follows to relay the Commentary. This may provide enhanced reception of stations than on normal days. The sign on schedule for that day is as follows with normal sign on timings in brackets.

1.	BHOPAL	0130 UT (Ex 0225)	7430
2.	CHENNAI	0130 UT (Ex 0300)	7380
3.	HYDERABAD	0130 UT (Ex 0225)	7420
4.	IMPHAL	0130 UT (Ex 0225)	7335
5.	KOHIMA	0000 UT	4850
6.	KOLKATA	0130 UT (Ex 0230)	7210
7.	PORT BLAIR	0130 UT (Ex 0315)	7390
8.	SHIMLA	0025 UT (Ex 0215)	6020
9.	SRINAGAR	0025 UT (Ex 0225)	6110
10.	THIRUVANTHAPURAM	0020 UT (Ex 0230)	7290

Look out for the rare AIR station in Kohima on 4850 on 14 & 15 August, 2010 as follows:
14 Aug 2009 1000-1600 UT approx
15 Aug 2009 0000-0415 UT approx

AIR Kohima is broadcasting on SW only for such special occasions like Independence Day (August 15) & Republic Day (January 26) and has been heard even by listeners in USA. Being a very important broadcast, all AIR stations will try to be at their best to broadcast the commentary without any interruptions.

Reception Reports to spectrum-manager @ air.org.in

Good Luck! With Independnence Day greetings, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS,
National Institute of Amateur Radio
Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India
Telefax: 91-40-2331 0287 Cell: 94416 96043 http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos
http://www.niar.org Aug 7, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

Independence Day of India 2010

The 64th Independence Day celebrations will shortly be taking place in India on August 15. It is one of the major holidays of the year and affords us the great opportunity to hear some special programming via SW.

Of particular interest to listeners in North America is the President's annual address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day (August 14). President Shrimati Pratibha Devishingh Patilís speech will be delivered via SW radio at 1330 UT (7:00 PM IST). This gives us a good opportunity to attempt to hear the rarely used AIR Kohima SW transmitter on 4850, which is only used for special event. Also the other regional AIR stations will all be broadcasting her speech to the nation, which will be delivered first in Hindi and then repeated again in English.

As a guide to what can be heard, here is the log of my 2009 reception:

4850, AIR Kohima, 1301, August 14, 2009 with todayís program schedule; talk show about rugby in English; 1315 health program in Hindi; 1327 marching music/anthem; President's address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day in Hindi, repeated in English till 1402; pop music program till tune out at 1410. Nice local IDs; slightly better than 2008 reception here. Started fading about 1350.

Last year the speech was heard in parallel: 4760 (AIR Port Blair); 4775 (AIR Imphal); 4835 (AIR Gangtok); 4880 (AIR Lucknow); 4895 (AIR Kurseong); 4920 (AIR Chennai); 4940 (AIR Guwahati); 4970 (AIR Shillong); 4990 (AIR Itanagar); 5010 (AIR Thiruvan.) and 5050 (AIR Aizawl). Noticeably off the air last year was 5040 (AIR Jeypore).

An audio file (MP3) of a portion of last yearís reception is posted at http://www.mediafire.com/?7r8e117ju2mum3h

It should be noted that AIR Gangtok is currently off frequency. Mauno Ritola (Finland) measured them on 4837.215 kHz. with sign off at 1600:30, on August 11. Thanks to Mauno for the update.

Special thanks to Jose Jacob of Hyderabad, India for confirmation that this yearís speech will indeed be broadcast at 1330 UT, August 14, 2010 and he sends along this additional information:

4760 (Leh), 4800, 4810, 4820, 4910, 5015, etc. are additional frequencies to check, as well as 9470, 9425, 10330, 9835, 9575 and 6030. Shortly after the broadcast in Hindi and English local station broadcast its translation in local languages.

Reception reports may be sent to spectrum-manager @ air.org.in

Doordarshan TV channels also carry the Presidentís address to the nation (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA, August 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. I can hear the following stations/frequencies hrd Aug 2nd to 5th in Bang Saen, about 1 hour east of Bangkok on the coast; all as per DBS-12, no IDs heard but definitely all Bahasa Indonesia.

3325, RRI Palankaraya, quite strong and clear, at 1225 UT "Indonesia Raya" f/in 1130 UT.
3345, RRI Ternate, much weaker than 3325 UT, but clearly BI, only once Aug 5 at 1200 UT.
3976, RRI Pontianak, Aug 5 at 1200 UT, male anncts under strong noise.
3995, RRI Kendari, strong and clear here.
4606, RRI Serui, f/in already 1130 UT, fair but clear.
4750, RRI Makassar, definitely there but most of the time drowned by Bangladesh Betar, which is strong here already almost 2 hours before sunset.
4790, RRI Fak-Fak, f/in around 1130 UT, but at 1230 UT already gone again.

Hopefully, there will be more stations when Ramadan starts next week on August 11 (Gerhard Werdin-Bang Saen-THA, on the Gulf of Thailand, Aug 5, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4604.93, RRI Serui, 1239-1301 Aug 2. SeguÈd older English C&W songs, no announcements; SCI at 1259; 6 pips to 1300:35, then Jak program. Good signal. Is still irregular - noted off on July 31, August 3, 6, 7. Did not check on the 8th; back on today (9th). (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aug 9, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW,

Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1354, August 6. Wayang kulit (shadow puppet play); // 9680 (RRI Jakarta).

4604.90, RRI Serui, off the air August 6.

4604.90, RRI Serui, 1204-1228, August 9. Back on the air again. Jakarta news relay and National Anthem (choral); // 3325 (RRI Palangkaraya), 3344.96 (RRI Ternate), 3995 (RRI Kendari), 4749.94 (RRI Makassar), 4789.96 (RRI Fak Fak ñ interesting that they would also resume broadcasting again on the same day that Serui returned) and 9680 (RRI Jakarta). After 1228 no longer //. 1239-1300 C&W songs in English; 1300-1305 SCI, Jakarta news relay and National Anthem (choral) which was // 3325 (RRI Palangkaraya).

3344.96, RRI Ternate, 1220, August 7 (Saturday). Did not carry the Jakarta news relay. RRI stations heard with the Jakarta news relay: RRI Palangkaraya (3325); RRI Kendari (3995); RRI Makassar (4749.94) and RRI Jakarta (9680).

Both RRI Fak Fak (4789.96) and RRI Serui (4604.90) not heard on both August 7 & 8 around 1220.

4789.96, RRI Fak Fak, 1212-1219*, August 10. Did not carry the Jakarta news relay today, but had pre-Ramadan non-stop reciting from the Qurían; tentatively went off the air at 1219; weak with CODAR QRM.

9680, RRI Jakarta, after 1425 also noted this with pre-Ramadan non-stop reciting from the Qurían (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI with problems again, Aug 7 at 1303, big S9+25 carrier featuring nothing but hum for modulation. 1305:10 joined English news in progress, and lessened hum; must have wiggled that patchcord.

9525.9, VOI English, VG signal Monday Aug 9 around 1335 with Indonesian lesson, but we really need some visual aid. Still on the air at 1417 in Indonesian hour atop CRI Russian het on 9525.0.

9526-, VOI, missed more than the first half of this Tuesday`s ``Exotic Indonesia`` co-produxion with RRI Banjarmasin, but Aug 10 from 1335, VG signal, no Music Corner, but continuous discussion between the mystery announcer and someone about Ramadan, puberty vs fasting, and the Ramadan Cake Fair in Banj which is about to kick off the month. Still talking at 1357:15 when CRI Russian carrier comes on 9525.0, shortly adding musical prÈlude, roughly equal levels so a huge

collision. 1400 brief English ID, 1401 into warta berita.

9526-, VOI, Aug 11 at 1334 with Let`s Learn Bahasa Indonesia until 1339 Music Corner starting with child singing off-key (on-key in Indonesian terms?). Language lessons are showing up more lately. Trouble is, even with VG reception, I have trouble understanding the English, let alone the Indonesian. She just pronounces various words in Indonesian, then translates. Not user-friendly (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've been trying to QSL the Voice of Indonesia since the late 1970's without any luck at all. Has anybody received a QSL from them in the last few years? If so, can you share a mailing address, v/s or email address that was successful? 73, (Brandon Jordan, TN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Brandon, I managed to get their QSL card last year, and I sent my reception report via their page on the address
http://en.voi.co.id/index.php?option=com_alfcontact
A hug, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG - Brasil, ibid.)

Hi Adalberto, Many thanks! Perhaps this method will work for me too. 73, (Brandon Jordan, http://bcdx.org ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Added Ghostery add-on to Firefox giving me the ability to see and block trackers that are at a site/on a webpage. Very interesting.

Visited the Voice of Russia website. 3 trackers. Google Analytics, SpyLog and Statcounter.

Visited the Voice of America website. 3 trackers. ForeSee, Google Analytics and WebTrends.

Visited China Radio International website. 1 tracker. Google Analytics.

Radio Prague website. 1 tracker. Google Analytics.

Radio Slovakia International website. 1 tracker. Google Analytics.

CBC/Radio Canada International website. 1 tracker. Google Analytics.

Even this Yahoo Group has 1 tracker. RightMedia.

Most interesting.

73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

http://www.benedelman.org/rightmedia-deception/
(gh, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. FAMILY RADIO EXPANSION CONTINUES
California-based Christian radio station Family Radio is continuing their current expansion by launching onto Intelsat 10.

Following the recent launch of Family Radio onto Atlantic Bird 4A, covering the North Africa and Middle East region, WRN Broadcast has now facilitated the launch of the station on Intelsat 10 (Ku Band). The satellite covers a large proportion of the sub-Saharan region and predominately services audiences in South Africa.

WRN Broadcast can advise on similar services in the region or other worldwide broadcasting opportunities. Please contact the Sales Department on +44 207 896 4020 or email us at sales @ wrnbroadcast.com
(re:wired >News from WRN Broadcast> August 2010, via DXLD)

I trust all payments from FR will be required in advance of 21 May 2011 (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. Atlantic Oldies offshore tributes

From an e-newsletter. If you miss it - catch the repeats..

Roger Davis takes some time out to pay tribute to August 14th 1967. This was they day that the Marine Broadcasting Act took effect in the U.K. and effectively closed down most of the Offshore Radio ships. Roger spends the last half of the show looking at BigL, Wonderful radio London.

You can hear this special show (and I really recommend this show) at the following times.

ïTuesday 10th August at 3pm EDT, 2000 BST
ïWednesday 11th August at 8pm EDT, 0100 BST
ïSaturday 14th August at 12pm EDT, 1700 BST [1600 UT]

http://www.atlanticoldies.com/

Note from me (BDXC 2158) - Roger works on radio Seagull which you can DX in the East of England on 1602 AM http://www.radioseagull.com/

He also airs shows on the shortwave free radio station Britain Radio International BRI http://britainradio48.atspace.com/html/ index.html which will return to the air soon.

For links to more shortwave free radio stations see
http://www.southhertsradio.com/sponsors.html
73 (Gary Drew, SH, Aug 11, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) see also SCOTLAND

** IRAN. ConfirmaÁ„o recebida - I.R.I.B

Ol· pessoal! Recebi hoje um envelop„o remetido pela I.R.I.B - Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting. Esta foi a minha primeira confirmaÁ„o do Oriente MÈdio. Fiquei muito feliz pela atenÁ„o desta emissora. Vale a pena ouvi-los e inform·-los sobre as recepÁ±es no Brasil, pois nota-se claramente que confirmam por prazer e n„o por obrigaÁ„o, haja vista o primeiro e-mail que recebi, bastante atencioso, no qual me prometiam um QSL e outros materiais relativos ao Ir„.

O envelope continha:

01 Q.S.L confirmando escuta em 04/04/10, 20:40 UTC em 6155kHz;
01 Calend·rio 2010 bem grande e ilustrado com belas fotos de paisagens iranianas;
02 Adesivos da bandeira do Ir„ contendo o site www.worldservice. ir e demais dados de contato;
01 Livro "El mensaje de Az-Zaqalain - PublicaciÛn PeriÛdica de Estudios Isl·micos, Ano IX, numero 26 junio 2004;
01 Folha A4 com tabela de programaÁ„o do serviÁo em castellano;
01 CD "L· m˙sica Persa"

A carta recebida diz:

Muy apreciado hermano oyente Rodrigo de Araujo, Reciba saludos muy cordiales, junto con nuestros deseos de salud y bienestar tanto para su persona como para su familia. AsÌ mismo quisiÈramos darle una calurosa bienvenida al cÌrculo de nuestros oyentes, el cual est· dirigido por amistad, hermandad y un mutuo entendimiento. Unas cuantas palabras para acusar el feliz recibo de su amable correspondencia, incluida un informe de escucha, el cual ratificamos con nuestra tarjeta #1.

Asimismo le informamos que adjuntamos a la presente misiva, AL-ZAQALAIN n˙mero 26, un CD de la m˙sica iranÌ, un calendario del ano 2010 y otros materiales postales, los cuales deseamos que hallen de su gusto y agrado. Sin m·s por el momento, cerramos esta misiva, reiter·ndole nuestra amistad, hermandad y lasseguridades de nuestras m·s altas estimas. Atentamente, N. Edalat Manesh, Director de la RedacciÛn Espanola (incluindo rubrica),

Bem, È isto.

Meu 73, (Rodrigo de Araujo, http://www.ondasderadio.wordpress.com.br

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brasil, Aug 11, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 15150, Aug 12 at 1422, poor signal in Qur`an. It`s VIRI`s Arabic service, 500 kW, 295 degrees from Sirjan, in its 11-hour-per-day schedule of 0530-1630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. RADIO FARDA: AGENT OF WEST'S "SOFT WAR" - IRANIAN MINISTRY BOOK | Text of report by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) website on 9 August; subheadings as published
[or see
http://www.rferl.org/content/
Radio_Farda_An_Agent_Of_The_Wests_Soft_War_Against_Iran_Book_Says/2122663.html
per Media Network blog]

Radio Farda is part of a cultural invasion helping Western intelligence agencies wage a "soft war" against the Islamic republic, according to a book published by Iran's Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry.

"A Survey of Radio Farda," published this spring by the ministry's Bureau of Media Studies and Planning, brackets RFE/RL's Persian-language outlet with Voice of America and the BBC as hostile "media operations" working against Iran.

It also says Iranian journalists who join the station are providing "firsthand information" to Western intelligence agents.

"Undoubtedly, these employees have a lot of benefits for the intelligence bodies of the hostile countries that mastermind the media invasion," asserts the author, Massud Mohammadi, in the book's 37-page preface.

"They [the staff][all brackets as published] know about the current situation of the country as well as the current language of its people. Also, people in Iran know them," he continues. "Therefore, they can pass on firsthand information to the intelligence services of the West, and produce programs [for the radio] that are relevant to the current discourse and concerns of Iranian society in the country."

Foreign conspiracy

The comments echo those frequently voiced by hard-liners loyal to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who accuse elements of the Western media of being instruments in a US -backed attempt to stage a soft or "velvet" coup against the Islamic regime.

Mohammadi attempts to bolster that argument with a convoluted

definition of Radio Farda's purpose -- which he characterizes as trying to drive a wedge between the Iranian government of the day and the political establishment brought to power by the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Radio Farda broadcaster Parnaz Azima was held for eight months in Iran. "The most significant task of the media hostile to the Islamic republic is creating a rift between the [Iranian] regime and its government," he writes.

He also cites Iran's disputed 2009 presidential election, suggesting that Radio Farda and other Persian-language media based outside Iran were able to preplan and coordinate the mass demonstrations that greeted President Mahmud Ahmadinejad's victory because they knew beforehand that he would be accused of fraud.

"Months before Iran's 10th presidential elections in June 2009, the directors of such networks had planned to use this opportunity to promote the project of creating instability in the country," Mohammadi claims.
He estimates Radio Farda's financial support - provided by the U.S. Congress - at "tens or hundreds of millions of dollars," funding that leaves the station's broadcasts open to political interference, he believes. "It is naive to think that media such as Radio Farda, with funding of tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars, airs programs on Iran arbitrarily and with no coordination," he writes.

Radio Farda's budget for 2009 was 5.8m US dollars, and its 2010 estimated budget is 6.43m US dollars.

Close examination

Surveying the station's output, Mohammadi says Radio Farda interviewed the Nobel Peace laureate Shirin Ebadi 118 times over an unspecified two-year period. Journalists Mashallah Shamsolvaezin and Issa Saharkhiz were interviewed 149 times and 106 times, respectively, over the same period.

In even more minute detail, he reveals that 1.4 per cent of Radio Farda programs over that period dealt with the Islamic Revolution; 5.55 per cent with the Islamic republic; 1.25 per cent with the principle of "velayat faqih," the rule of the supreme religious jurist; and 2.56 per cent with the supreme leader. Some 6.12 per cent of Radio Farda programs have dealt with high-ranking officials of the Iranian regime, Mohammadi estimates.

The author appears to question the status of former Radio Farda journalist Parnaz Azima when she was prevented from leaving Iran for

several months after officials confiscated her passport during a visit to her ailing mother in 2007.

"In the reports of the media opposed to Iran's government - especially Radio Farda - Azima was mentioned as a 'Radio Farda journalist,' while she herself said that she had visited Iran for a family issue," he states. Azima was employed by Radio Farda at the time and only left the organization long after the incident.

Quotes attributed to Khamenei on the book's cover refer to him as "imam," a distinction usually reserved for the most revered figures in Shi'a Islam and for the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of the Islamic Revolution.

In 2009, Deputy Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Mohammad Ali Ramin led calls for references to Khamenei to be prefaced by the title "imam." The suggestion came amid an upsurge of demonstrations following the death of the pro-reformist cleric, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri. Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website, Washington, D.C., in English 9 Aug 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** IRELAND. "Welcome to Europe's newest AM radio station! Broadcasting on 1251 kHz MW, 6960 kHz SW, and around the world on atlanticradio.ie!" 1251 testing in AM Stereo. http://www.atlanticradio.ie "In 2008 launched as an Internet station, with the intention of broadcasting on the AM band like the good old days! In 2009 we started broadcasting on 1251 kHz MW (250 watts) and 6960 kHz SW (100-300 watts)." [Atlantic Radio Facebook page] (NRC IDXD Aug 6 via DXLD)

** ISLE OF MAN. QSL: Manx Radio, 1368 (20 kW), date only large island view card in 54 days plus station pen for US $2.00 return postage (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 6973, 08 AUG, 1838 UT, Galei Tzahal, EZ listening and soft jazz music program with a male DJ. I was a bit surprised to hear the DJ say in English "This is from my personal collection." First English announcement I've ever heard on this station. Very good signal level and only summer noise to deal with. Slight to moderate fading (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. 657 kHz, 0004 14 July, RAI, multi-transmitters, ID ``This is Rai, the Italian Broadcasting Network``, news in English // 900. News in English also heard at 0107 on 13 July. SIO 533 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, MW Logbook, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** JAPAN. QSL: Nikkei Radio Broadcasting Corp., 6055, f/d caricature of listeners card in 54 days for English report and US $3.00 return postage (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Would like to see that one (gh)

** JAPAN [non]. 11655, Aug 8 at 1353, Japanese service of NHKWNRJ via CANADA playing ``This Boy`` by the Beatles, and 1354 back-announced as such by YL DJ, whose voice is so deferential I can almost hear her bowing. 1355 electronic music bit and into OM with news about Pakistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. ALL INDIA RADIO LEH SEVERELY DAMAGED BY FLASH FLOODS

Flash floods in the city of Leh in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday have severely damaged the transmitter site of All India Radio there. The Hindustan Times reports that ìWater has gushed through [the AIR building], sweeping furniture and equipment helter skelter, and a dish on top the building is contorted beyond recognition - from the impact of a truck that was swept against it.

AIR Leh normally broadcasts on mediumwave 1053 kHz and shortwave 4760/6000 kHz. 132 people have been killed and over 500 people are reported to be still missing as of this post. (Source: Various press reports) (August 8th, 2010 - 11:42 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

RADIO KASHMIR, LEH DAMAGED DUE TO CLOUD BURST

About 80 people are killed and over 300 injured in late night flash floods due to cloud burst near Leh town. Death toll is likely to go up. Buildings of district hospital Leh, Radio Kashmir and BSNL have been completely damaged due to mud slides.

More details in:
http://malayalams.com/News/80-killed-as-massive-cloudburst-triggers-flash-floods-in-leh-hindustan-times/

Radio Kashmir, Leh operates on SW with 10 kW as follows:

4760 Summer 0130/ Winter 0213-0400/0413/Sun 0430, 1130-1700
6000, 0700(Sun 0630)-0930

Also 1053 kHz MW with 20 kW & 102.9 MHz with 100 Watts

See its QSL at: http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/qsls/AIR_Leh.jpg

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan

Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Telefax: 91-40-2331 0287 Cell: 94416 96043, http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos www.niar.org Aug 6, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

AIR Leh 4760 kHz noted off air. According to latest press reports 112 people dead & more than 200 missing.

LEH Helpline Numbers -- The LEH administration has set up a 24 hrs control room for information for missing person. The telephone numbers are: 09906990787 09906990835 (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, ibid.)

According to the following press report, the main transmitter of Radio Kashmir Leh has been damaged in the cloud burst. The full report is in:

http://www.deccanherald.com/content/86759/rains-hamper-rescue-operations-leh.html

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Telefax: 91-40-2331 0287 Cell: 94416 96043 http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos www.niar.org

Contacted ex-official of AIR Leh this morning who was in touch with the stn y'day:

- Fortunately, no casualties among AIR staff.
- Rain water & mud slushes entered inside the transmitter hall causing damage.
- There's no power supply in that area.
- Doordarshan is carrying extensive footage of AIR Leh.
- He indicated no damage to the AIR towers however one press report says Doordarshan tower has been damaged.
  Several press reports indicate BSNL tower at Leh was completed damaged & washed away.

--- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Aug 7, ibid.)

Special broadcast for Leh --- Radio Kashmir, Srinagar has decided to broadcast two news bulletins daily in the morning and evening for people of Ladakh region as transmissions of Radio Kashmir, Leh, has been disrupted due to cloud burst. More details in.
http://www.newkerala.com/news2/fullnews-16177.html
73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Aug 7, ibid.)

Excerpt from today`s HT, report titled "Leh turns ghost town" :

Just few meters ahead of the bus stand is the All India Radio building. Water has gushed through, sweeping furniture and equipment helter skelter, and a dish on top the building is contorted beyond

recognition - from the impact of a truck that was swept against it.

Full report at :
http://www.hindustantimes.com/Leh-turns-ghost-town/H1-Article1-583714.aspx
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, ibid.)

AIR Leh 4760 Back on air -- AIR Leh 4760 kHz noted on air during check at 0230 UT on 10th Aug, Hindi news at 0230 followed by English news relayed from Delhi. At 0310 "Radio Kashmir" ID followed by Ladakhi song. 0319 commentary in Urdu, 0350 Hindi movie songs, 0359 off air. Weaker than before, at times barely audible.

AIR Leh 4760 kHz 10th Aug 1630 UT Panel discussion upto 1628, followed by instrumental music, at 1635 report on CWG, interview with PT Usha, signed off at 1700.

AIR Leh 4760 kHz 11th Aug 0224 UT, Signed on with Vande Mataram followed by instrumental music, 0230 Samachar Prabhat with Vimlendu Pandey, 0244 English News Gaura Lal, 0300 Ladakhi songs, 0319 Discussion followed by local news, 0335 ID Radio Kashmir by YL , announcements in local dialect, 0340 Hindi movie songs; first one was from movie Aandhi, 0359 off air.

Meanwhile came to know that there is no damage to the antenna towers & the building housing the transmitter & studio. This concrete building came up after the old wooden one was gutted by fire in 2002. However some small structures inside AIR Leh have been damaged. Two AIR officials from Delhi were rushed to Leh to restore satellite connectivity (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** KASHMIR. Radio Kashmir, Srinagar with special Ramzan broadacasts noted: The Muslim month of fasting has commenced with the sighting of the Ramzan crescent. The first day of fasting starts today 12 Aug 2010.

As usual Radio Kashmir, Srinagar was noted today morning (11 August UT / 12 August IST) with the special broadcast for Ramzan as follows in Kashmiri(?) consisting of Tuning signal, sign on announcemnets, Koaran chanting, prayers, songs, talks and advertisments.

4950, 2215 to 2256 UT (3.45 am to 4.26 am IST), 444, parellel to MW 1116 kHz which was very faint with co channel interference.

These special broadcasts will continue for one month till Ramzan festival around 10th September, 2010. However timings will vary slightly from day to day. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Aug 11, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** KASHMIR. RS 100-CRORE SCHEME TO COUNTER PROPAGANDA IN KASHMIR
Indo-Asian News Service New Delhi, August 10, 2010
First Published: 17:32 IST(10/8/2010) Last Updated: 17:37 IST(10/8/2010)
http://www.hindustantimes.com/Rs-100-crore-scheme-to-counter-propaganda-in-Kashmir/Article1-584755.aspx

The government on Tuesday said it has approved a Rs 100 crore (around $22 million) scheme for strengthening broadcasting signals in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to counter anti-India propaganda in the state. "There are reports that anti-India propaganda is received in the state of Jammu and Kashmir from across the border. Several programmes have been mounted by All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) to counter such propaganda," Information and Broadcasting Minister Ambika Soni told parliament in response to a question.

The minister added that AIR and DD were improving their coverage in Jammu and Kashmir and other border areas by strengthening their network. "The government has approved a scheme amounting to Rs 100 crore for strengthening the transmission of broadcasting signals in border areas of J&K," she told the Rajya Sabha (via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** KAZAKHSTAN [non]. CZECH REPUBLIC: Azattyq Radio with a programme in Russian language was heard on July 26th from 0135 hours on the additional frequency 9760. The studio of this radio is based in Radio Liberty in Prague and the broadcast is beamed to Kazakhstan. Compiled by: Rumen Pankov E-mail address: rumen_pankov @ abv.bg Source: BNR Radio Bulgaria: DX program August 6, 2010 http://bit.ly/aVSRxT (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) Site changed from Udorn, Thailand, to Biblis, Germany as of July 24 (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 13760, VOK in English, Aug 9 at 1329, weak signal but with fast SAH indicating another station on frequency, but none are scheduled. Possibly Turkey was still stuck there after German should have ended at 1223v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. CLANDESTINE: 6518, Voice of the People, Goyang, KOR, 2051-2103, 07 Aug'10, Korean to KRE, talks; 33331, jammed.

6600 ditto, 2052-2104, 07 Aug'10, cf. \\ 6518; 43331. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6518, 09 AUG, 1708 UT, CLANDESTINE (KOREA), Voice of the People, in Korean with man and woman in bland talk. // 6600. Both channels have some sort of roaring jammer on them. Both sides appear to be

ratcheting up the rhetoric. Good sigs and over jammer. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7530, 11 AUG, 1859 UT, CLANDESTINE (ARMENIA), Radio Free North Korea, early sign on with military march and then news points read by a man in Korean with brief music bed interludes between items. Very good signals, with jammer (North Korean?) barely heard underneath. Has anyone ever received a QSL from these fellows? (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. Todo un cl·sico del diexismo en KBS WORLD RADIO, conducido por Sonia Cho y Atahualpa Amerise Fern·ndez, podr·n disfrutar de las noticias m·s novedosas de las telecomunicaciones, los medios de comunicaciÛn y, por supuesto, el informe semanal que nos brindan los monitores especializados RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, desdeRosario, Argentina, Pedro Sedano, desde Madrid, EspaÒa y Yimber Gaviria, desde Cali, Colombia.

Se puede escuchar por la onda corta, los s·bados, dirigido hacia AmÈrica, y los domingos hacia Europa, seg˙n esquema que se relaciona m·s abajo y tambiÈn por Internet.

Para Norte AmÈrica:
0200-0230 UT por 9560 kHz (Sackville)

Para AmÈrica del Sur:
0100-0200 UT por 11810 kHz
1100-1200 UT por 11795 kHz (Sackville)

Para Europa:
0600-0700 UT por 6045 kHz (Sackville)

TambiÈn se puede escuchar por su sitio web en:
http://world.kbs.co.kr/spanish/index.htm

Si no pudo escuchar este programa, asÌ como otros anteriores, en sus horarios habituales lo puede hacer en la p·gina de Programas DX:
http://programasdx.com/antenadelaamistad.htm

TambiÈn puede escuchar otros espacios diexistas en espaÒol en:
http://programasdx.com/ Yimber Gaviria/JosÈ Bueno
(Yimber Gaviria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Aug 7 edition includes gh explaining Firedrake to Yimber GavirÌa, and now added to our audio archive of broadcast appearances via
http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html#gh

specifically at http://www.w4uvh.net/KBSFiredrake.mp3
at 5:20-8:45 within a 14:24-minute program
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. IRAN: Two radio stations with different programmes were observed to broadcasting to Iran and both named Voice of Iranian Kurdistan on July 27th, at 03.00 hours ñ one on 3927 KHz and another one on 4881 KHz. Compiled by: Rumen Pankov E-mail address: rumen_pankov @ abv.bg Source: BNR Radio Bulgaria: DX program August 6, 2010 http://bit.ly/aVSRxT (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 4025.00, 2005-2035 04+05.08 Star R, Monrovia (presumed), talk and shouting in UNID language, 25222 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4025-, usual presumed Star Radio situation, very weak carrier, with BFO on, slightly lower when compared to the Cuban signal 1.000 MHz higher, Aug 5 at 0509. And Aug 7 at 0538 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX SITUATION)

4025, Star Radio. August 07, 0703-0713 male in studio and outside ìyouíre listening Star Radio, Liberia, Monroviaî, female talks. 35333.

3900, Liberia, Star Radio. August 08, 0647-0705 male and female talks in English ìLiberiaî, same voices of 4025, African music. 25332. 73's (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Website http://www.starradio.org.lr/ as of 0228 UT Aug 10 still showed 4025, nothing about 3900. See also CUBA [and non] (gh)

3900, Star Radio. August 09, 0646-0714 male in studio and outside in English talks, female talks; 4025 silent, weaker than August 08, 25332. August 10 around 0645 silent both frequencies 3900 and 4025

3955, Star Radio. August 11, 0646-0711 male in English ìLiberia; constitution of Liberia; voluntary movement of the people; democratic process..î, tribal music. At peak 35333. 73's (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So they keep moving around; where next? (gh)

** LIBYA. LJBC Voice of Africa off the air

A-10 of V of Africa, maybe all txions cancelled from Aug. 6
Arabic
0400-0657 on 9870 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, no txion

0400-0657 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, no txion
0700-0857 on 11620 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, no txion
0700-0857 on 11650 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, no txion
0900-1157 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, no txion
0900-1157 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, no txion

Swahili
1200-1357 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, no txion
1200-1357 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, no txion

English
1400-1557 on 15235 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, no txion
1400-1557 on 15240 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, no txion

French
1600-1657 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, please check
1600-1657 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, please check
1700-1757 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, please check
1700-1757 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, please check

Hausa
1800-1857 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, please check
1800-1857 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, please check
1900-1957 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, please check
1900-1957 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, please check

Arabic
2000-2157 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, please check
2000-2157 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, please check
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, August 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST

I did not hear 9870 or 9880 this Saturday morning (Aug 7). At tune in 1310 there are broadcasts audible at weak strength on both 17715 and 17735, but not in Swahili. I assume these to be YFR via DHA in Telegu and Kannada respectively (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I can confirm these observations. At 1659, weak signal on 11850 from WYFR (probably via Dhabbaya) and at 1700 strong signal (11850 too) from Wertachtal (WYFR in Persian). But nothing from Libya (JM Aubier (France), Aug 7, ibid.) Perhaps all those clashes caught up with VOAf

All transmissions on LJBC V of Africa on SW terminated from Aug 6*
Arabic
0400-0657 on 9870 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
0400-0657 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf
0700-0857 on 11620 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf
0700-0857 on 11650 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf

0900-1157 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
0900-1157 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf
Swahili
1200-1357 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
1200-1357 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf
English [see below]
1400-1557 on 15235 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf
1400-1557 on 15240 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
French
1600-1657 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1600-1657 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
1700-1757 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1700-1757 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
Hausa
1800-1857 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1800-1857 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
1900-1957 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1900-1957 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
Arabic
2000-2157 on 9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
2000-2157 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 09 August via DXLD)

*[no, they haven`t:]
Monitoring check at 1405 Aug. 7 shows that Voice of Africa, in English at 14-16, has returned to 21695 and 17725; the latter is the stronger of the two channels (Joe Hanlon, NJ, Aug 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As first noted by Ivo Ivanov on Aug 6, V. of Africa`s new frequencies were missing. Then Aug 7 at 0530 check, I found nothing audible on 9870 and 9880 which had been in Arabic from VOA. Other broadcasts were also reported missing by other monitors, and on Aug 7, Joe Hanlon, NJ, found English at 14-16 was back on the previous pair, 17725 and 21695 which had been replaced a few weeks ago by 15235 and 15240. So have all the old times and frequencies been reactivated?

I never had any luck hearing VOA`s English at 14-16 on its new frequencies 15235 and 15240, and now they are gone since Aug 6: nothing audible at 1405 Aug 9 (tho Wolfgang B¸schel found they were sometimes very late coming up). On Aug 7, Joe Hanlon in NJ heard English back on 17725 and 21695, the previous pair. Today I can barely detect a carrier on 17725 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. LIBIA --- Desaparecidas la mayorÌa de las emisoras autÛctonas africanas con m˙sica que raramente se escuchaba en EspaÒa, de vez en cuando me entretengo con la transmisiÛn en Swahili de THE VOICE OF AFRICA que a˙n coloca m˙sica, polÌticamente incorrecta, o

sea: no globalizada y autÈnticamente africana. La mejor seÒal en mi QTH la tengo en la frecuencia de los 17720 kHz dentro de la trancha horaria de 1200-1400 UT; la otra buena seÒal est· en una frecuencia todavÌa m·s alta la de 21695 kHz. Traten de localizarla; alguna de las piezas le entretendr·n mucho m·s que la tediosa m˙sica de la FM espaÒola que repite y repite ritmos que aburren hasta a los perros.

°Echo de menos las transmisiones de Africa del Sur y su cÈlebre Abejaruco que abrÌa las transmisiones, con el mundial a˙n notÈ m·s la falta de la SABC! Espero que disfruten de la programaciÛn de la emisora en esas frecuencias. (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Durante algunas semanas, Swahili desde Libya 12-14 se encontraba en 17715 y 17735, pero acaba de desaparecer, tal vez regresando a 17725 y 21695. 73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

French heard today :
1600-1700 : 15660 17725
1700-1800 : 15215 11995 (JM Aubier, Aug 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Those too match the previous scheduling, for B-09 and the first part of A-10 (gh, DXLD)

I suppose, has something to do with Ramadan Festivity Month, which starts tomorrow this season. It was like a test, when Libya extended a new schedule started on July 6th, 2010. Libya had never such professional schedule in Arabic, English, Swahili, Hausa, French etc. in past few years, like this July. So, we have to wait and cross the fingers, what happens next in that muslim country radio service. 73 de wolfy df5sx (BCDX Aug 11 via DXLD)

French heard today Aug 11 on old A-10 schedule:
11995, 17-20 from Sabrata, noisy S=7
15215, 17-19 from Sabrata, 180 degr backlobe signal noted superb here in Europe, S=9+15dB strength. Culture feature around 1740 UT.

And very late change from 15215 kHz to 11600 kHz in Hausa.
15215 TX off at 1912:44 UT, S=9+15dB. 180degr
11600 TX on at 1914:44 UT, S=9+10dB. 180degr

11995 kHz 17-19 UT French, 19-20 UT Hausa S=7 to 8. 230degr
vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. R. Vilnius ceased shortwave programming some time ago in favour of an Internet stream and on-demand programme. It's been a long while since I checked the LRT website for the web-only R. Vilnius English programmes, but I can no longer find any reference to English programming, or any of the archived English programmes that used to be

available. So, it looks as if all English programming from R. Vilnius has ceased (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST) whimper

I do miss Radio Vilnius. In my mind I can still hear their ident signal. The male announcer (I'm sure I will totally mess up his name if I attempt to type it) had a soothing voice. From sw to internet to gone. Terrible shame! 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

They were one of the first stations I heard after buying my first radio, an Eton S350DL, in May 2006. I remember that vividly because they featured a report on Lithuanian guest workers in Ireland.

If I recall correctly there were a few (two, maybe three) male announcers at Radio Vilnius, but the one that stands out for me is Vladas Dobilas. Some other voices I remember hearing were Violeta Karpavic(iene. and Diana Kukainyte. The last time I heard Vilnius online there were quite a few young announcers as well (Jon Pukila, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada, Aug 8, ibid.)

The last programme was Friday 30 October 2009. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, ibid.)

** MALAYSIA. 5965, 09 AUG, 1746 UT, RTM Klasik Nasional, in Malay with Malay oldies, IDs and news on the hour. 100 kW with very good signal, but smashed by PBS Xijian on 5960. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 7270, Wai FM via RTM. 1235, August 4. PBS Nei Menggu off the air (August 6 seemed to be them with intermittent poor audio) leaving Wai FM in the clear; indigenous chanting; 1258 QRM from sign on of AIR Chennai with the AIR IS; 1300 1+1 pips; the ìR-T-M Kuala Lumpurî news; many Wai FM IDs. Nice to occasionally find this with no QRM from PBS Nei Menggu! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7270.02, RTVM, 1229-1316 Aug 9. Droning vocal by man; 2 pips at ToH followed by presumed news; pop vocals followed after the news at 1310. Generally fair signal. Noted 5+1 pips way underneath at 1300, presumed NMPBS (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aug 9, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

5030, Sarawak FM via RTM, 1337-1352, August 9. In vernacular; great program of EZL jazz instrumentals; IDs; fair to almost good reception.

5030, Sarawak FM via RTM, 1418-1450, August 10. Pre-Ramadan non-stop reciting from the Qurían; certainly not their usual programming; fair-

good (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 2245-2301 vernacular, OM & YL in light-hearted exchange with laughter. They called a woman on the phone (listener, or at random?), the ring tones were just long beeps, as opposed to the staccato tones we have here in the States. Long conversation between the three, followed by instrumental with sitar-type instruments, then presumed ID with bits of anthem-type music at ToH. 60 dB signal and excellent audio. This is probably a good time to listen for this station, rather than tuning in after WWCR fires up on 4840 and then grousing about them being on 60m (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD) no date

4845, Radio Mauritanie, Nouakchott, Aug 1, *0552-0715, Salah of Fajr recitation in progress ending exactly at 0642 Nouakchott sunrise, followed by sermon. Greetings by man and woman at 0648, mentions of Mauritanie, into long vocal accompanied by lute until 0700. More Moorish music after the top of the hour. Excellent signal in USB to avoid WWCR.

+ Aug 2, *0537-0645, morning prayer until 0631, canned announcement by woman, then long monologue by man. Signal fair to poor (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1806-1821*, 07 Aug'10, French, news bulletin, Arabic program at 1818, announcements, suddenly off the air, and supposed to emerge on 4845, their evening / early morning outlet, but 4845 was only found on some time between 1903 & 1924. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITIUS. In an email QSL, Cyril Nankoo, A[ctin]g Chief Engineer of Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, 684 kHz, laments that they no longer have QSL cards, but thanked me for my correct report, and is sending some MBC souvenirs for me to plaster on my walls. He is also a radio amateur and told me that MBC are moving to a new HQ soon. His email is cyrius @ intnet.mu Received in 73 days for a paper report and US $5.00 rp (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: MBC, 684, n/d email QSL in 73 days from Cyril Nankoo, Ag Chief Engineer. This was followed in a couple of weeks by an MBC gift pack with a pen, DVD about the extinct Dodo bird and an MBC polo shirt, which, sadly, is (I'm ashamed to admit) too small for me. All this for US $5.00 return postage. I have a good correspondence going with Cyril and he informs me they are moving into new HQ there soon! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. CAMPECHE ESTRENA UNA RADIODIFUSORA --- 07/08/2010
   EstaciÛn propiedad del gobierno estatal ìpara unir a todosî

SAN FRANCISCO DE CAMPECHE, Campeche.ó Por primera vez y de manera oficial se encendieron los micrÛfonos que transmitir·n la voz informativa de los locutores de la nueva radiodifusora del gobierno del estado: Xeteb [sic] Voces 920 AM ìLa frecuencia que nos uneî.

Al dÌa se transmitir·n 18 horas continuas (de 6 a 24 horas) de noticias, entretenimiento, cultura, m˙sica de varios gÈneros a cinco municipios de la entidad: Campeche, CalkinÌ, ChampotÛn, Hecelchak·n y Tenabo.

Destacan la programaciÛn infantil y juvenil, pues ìqueremos que las nuevas generaciones se interesen en este tipo de entretenimientoî, seÒalÛ el gobernador Fernando Ortega BernÈs.

Algunos de los programas son: La JÌcara, Pl·ticas con el gobierno, øCÛmo le hago?, NiÒos Solidarios, Ponte Xux, Chocolates M·gicos y la Bola de Cristal. ó Abner Ronces Mex

Fuente: Campeche estrena una radiodifusora http://bit.ly/cFsEBT
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

WRTH 2010 shows XETEB on 920 as *inactive, R. Mar, Campeche, 1.5/0.5 kW, 1200-0600; so old station with new owner? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6009.96, XEOI Radio MÌl, MÈxico City, Aug 2, 0830-0850, pop latin music, multiple 'Radio Mil' IDs, fair signal with noise (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010, Radio Mil, MÈxico City 0953 to 1000 ID, disco music reminiscent of Whit Stillman films http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001775/ 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files]m Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. A bit more Mexican Es touched channel 2, Aug 4 at 2034 UT, when some Spanish faded in briefly from the SSW with ads (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. This is an unusual case, but XHCOL-3, which serves the city of Colima, Colima and runs an occasional "TV Azteca Colima" ID, has its transmitter on a mountain in the neighboring state of Jalisco. The

location on the text ID reads "Atenquique, JAL." (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, WTFDA via DXLD)

** MONACO. Monaco Radio with a weather report in French and English language was noted at a new broadcast time ñ 1500 hours on 8728 kHz in USB mode. Compiled by: Rumen Pankov E-mail address: rumen_pankov @ abv.bg Source: BNR Radio Bulgaria: DX program August 6, 2010 http://bit.ly/aVSRxT (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

[non?]. Re 10-31: MONACO. Radio Monaco, the only shortwave station in the country was heard in Sofia with weather and sea information at 17 hours on 8728 kHz USB in French and English, announcing that such information is broadcast at 0530, at 11 and at 1630 hours on SSB on 4363, 13146 and 17620 kHz. So, 73 and DX! Source: (R. Bulgaria DX program July 30, 2010 http://bit.ly/c1Meos via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

I thought it was determined, quite some time ago, that the actual transmitter site is across the border in France (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IIRC, this marine utility station is axually inside Monaco, unlike any of the broadcasters, right? (gh, DXLD) {No; see next issue or dxldyg}

** MOZAMBIQUE. And no one has mentioned the 50's and 60's "Radio Clube de Mozambique" one of the best known of the HF stations in the old Portuguese colonies. bfd3 (Ben Dawson, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See http://www.w4uvh.net/mozamb1.jpg
and http://www.w4uvh.net/mozamb2.jpg
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. BURMA, 5985.8, Myanma R, Yegu, 2258-2316, 07 Aug'10, IS, ID in Bamar followed by a local tune (natl. anthem? - didn't seem so), talks; 34432. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Classic Media Network from PCJ

Hi Everyone, I am please to inform you that beginning in September the classic show Media Network will be added to the PCJ roster of programs. We will re-broadcast the classic radio documentaries Jonathan Marks produced for the series when it originally aired on Radio Netherlands Worldwide.

They donít just look at the past of radio, but also the historic world events that occurred around radio. Like the fall of the Berlin wall and broadcasting in Europe during WW2. Keep your ears open as you might hear some surprises from time to time. PS: Come visit the

Classic Media Network page at PCJ Media. Warm Regards, (Keith Perron, PCJ Media/Radio, http://www.pcjmedia.com Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. NETHERLANDS' MEDIA HEARTLAND SOUNDS JOB ALARM
Published on 6 August 2010 - 1:52pm

The Dutch town of Hilversum, the heartland of media production in the Netherlands, has issued a stiff warning to Ivo Opstelten, the new man in charge of the government coalition talks. The town and the surrounding Gooi region is concerned that the prospective coalition's plans for rigorous public broadcasting cutbacks will spell economic disaster.

The warning, reported on the front-page of the Gooi en Eemlander newspaper, comes as talks to form a minority coalition are getting under way between the conservative VVD and the Christian Democrats, with the support of the populist Freedom Party. A tough package of austerity measures is certain to be the mainstay of any agreement, with public broadcasting as a prime target.

Based on research carried out in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam, executive councillor Jan Rensen warns that for every media job cut in Hilversum, another 1.5 local jobs will be jeopardised by the knock-on effect for the regional economy. He estimates that up to 7500 full-time jobs could ultimately be lost. © Radio Netherlands Worldwide (via Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. 6250, weak Spanish at 0509 Aug 5 again proved to be // strong Spanish on 6080, i.e. Bonaire relay of NHK, leapfrogging over another Bonaire transmitter on 6165, RNW Dutch, the fulcrum and consequently the spur offgoing at 0527, while 6080 continues a bit longer. No sign of Equatorial Guinea on 6250. Anyone reporting Spanish on 6250 before 0527 must rule out 6080 // to assume it is EqG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. TWR NOW IN SPANISH INSTEAD OF CREOLE AT NIGHT
In a blog post dated Friday 6 August http://bradtwr.blogspot.com/ TWR Bonaireís Brand Swanson writes:

ìWeíve been broadcasting late night programming, in Creole, to the island of Haiti, since the big earthquake there last year [sic]. Now that the local Christian radio stations are back in full swing, we donít need to use the Bonaire transmitter to reach Haiti. So starting this past Monday night [2 August] weíve begun to transmit a new package of music and Spanish language programs from our RTM partners in the region.

ìWe havenít been on the air straight through the night for quite a

number of years now, but we used to have a large late night audience and Iím hoping and praying that listeners will quickly find us again. There are a bunch of other great RTM programs in our late night lineup as well. You can even hear some of them online sometimes, when the Venezuela and Uruguay offices have their streaming audio feeds running.î

TWR broadcasts on mediumwave 800 kHz (Source: Bradís Bonaire Update)(August 11th, 2010 - 14:16 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 7435-7440-7445, DRM noise, Aug 8 around 1205 and still at 1412. RNZI supposedly takes a DRM break after 1158, on no frequency at all, but must have left it on today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 7255, Voice of Nigeria (tentative); 2246-2257:17*, 4-Aug; Afro-chant to 2248 Man unknownlanguage commentary; 2253-55 D.A. [dead air]; back with more talk just at end of music; both talk segments had many mentions of Nigeria, Ghana & Senegal. Brief announcement at 2257 mentioning Nigeria into brass band anthem & off. Strong tone after s/off continued past 2300. SIO=4+43+ with transmitter hum? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Any logs of VON on 15120? (gh)

** NORTH AMERICA. TCS 6858 Sounds of Seventies - Tuesday Night

Greetings, friends! The Crystal Ship is on tonight on about 6858 kHz AM, commencing at 0100 UTC. As advertised, "Sounds of the Seventies" will be playing. Cheers! --
The TCS Blog http://tcsshortwave.blogspot.com/ (John Poet, The Crystal Ship, TCS mailing list, 0100 UT Wednesday via gh, DXLD)

GH: I just tuned into the frequency as of 0105 UT in English and codar on the side but fair reception on UT Wednesday, August 11,2010 using a Sangean ATS818ACS and a Belden Coax Dipole Antenna 100 feet length. 73's, (Noble West, TN, Brainman Media, DXLDYG via DXLD)

Fair signal with deep fades here in Tennessee on 6858.07 AM playing Boston songs, "You are tuned to the crystal ship, the official voice of the blue state republic" ID, Purina cat chow commercial (Brandon Jordan, TN, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1580, KOKB Blackwell still defaults to open carrier for long periods of time, presumably losing webfeed and nobody is around to start it back up immediately. Was OC Aug 6 at 2345 UT; also 1310-1415+ Aug 7 for another Spanish-mystery DXing session, see UNIDENTIFIED; and also still OC at 1815 UT.

1580, KOKB Blackwell, was already modulating sportstalk, Monday Aug 9 at 1303 UT check, after a weekend of open carrier. I remain amazed at the slipshod way this station is being run.

1120, Aug 7 at 1815 I heard rap, from KEOR Sperry-Tulsa. Bruce Winkelman in Tulsa noted that the station it used to simulcast, KJMU 1340 Sand Springs, was off the air instead at 0011 UT Aug 6, while 1120 KEOR had soul music. He says 1340 was still silent at 0334 UT Aug 6, and at 1300, while at 1315, 1120 had a preacher instead of urban contemporary music.

1240, at 1815 UT Aug 7, from a `hot spot` store parking lot in western Enid, had an echo from ESPN Radio, i.e. two stations unsynchronized on same network: KADS Elk City OK underneath the dominant daytime signal here, KFH Wichita KS, which must have changed format from News/talk as in 2009 NRC AM Log.

780, KSPI Stillwater OK is still putting out spurs at 774 and 786 kHz as I last reported in April. These are especially obvious on the 10-kHz-step caradio, making hets against weak signals on 770 and 790, e.g. Aug 7 at 1829. {And when listening to 780 KSPI itself, can hear 6 kHz het(s) with sufficient bandwidth, e.g. Aug 10 at 2051}.

Another open carrier from an OK station: 1490, KMFS Guthrie, the normally heard groundwave signal here in daytime. I was in the car and failed to make notes, so IIRC, the time was 2106 UT Aug 9, but suddenly cut on preacher in progress at 2110. This is the one owned by Jimmy Swaggart, but did not sound like the crybaby at the moment, rather an ilkmate. O well, 4 minutes is better than nothing.

1120, KEOR Sperry-Tulsa also featured OC when checked Aug 10 at 2053; earlier in the hour soul music as usual (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Call letters [assigned for new stations not necessarily on the air yet]: OK Loyal *89.3 KIEL (Bruce Elving, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I`ve heard of Loyal, but where is it? Several atlas don`t index it, but finally found it in Hammond World Atlas, Superior Edition, MCMLXXIX, with population of 107 --- in Kingfisher County, midway between Kingfisher and Okeene (Glenn Hauser, Enid, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. FACILITIES: [changes, reasons unexplained] OK Stillwater KOSU *91.7 395 m, d-a, with 33% power 120-130 degrees (100000 h,v), 79 km (Bruce Elving, Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Relative field polar plot accessible here in CP entry:
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/fmq?list=0&facid=50220
Showing reduced power from 60 to 180 degrees, the deepest null at 125 degrees, why? For KOSU advantage, or required to protect some other new station, and if so, which?

O, looking at FCC info for KOSU currently and the CP, we find that besides going direxional, the CP involves moving to another site! KOSU just moved from Stillwater to the Seward site a few years ago. Apparently, KOSU is losing access to the rented tower space by Seward, and plans to go next all the way to OKC, on the KWTV tower (which was once ``the world`s tallest man-made structure``).

CURRENT KOSU, near Seward, SW of Guthrie:
35 46' 50.00" N Latitude
97 31' 29.00" W Longitude (NAD 27)

Polarization:	Horizontal	Vertical	
Effective Radiated Power (ERP):	100.	100.	kW ERP
Antenna Height Above Average Terrain:	308.	308.	meters HAAT
Antenna Height Above Mean Sea Level:	624.	624.	meters AMSL
Antenna Height Above Ground Level:	321.	321.	meters AGL

CP KOSU, on the KWTV 9/39 tower, 7401 N Kelly, OKC:
35 32' 57.80" N Latitude
97 29' 48.90" W Longitude (NAD 27)

Polarization:	Horizontal	Vertical	
Effective Radiated Power (ERP):	100.	100.	kW ERP
Antenna Height Above Average Terrain:	395.	395.	meters HAAT
Antenna Height Above Mean Sea Level:	749.6	749.6	meters AMSL
Antenna Height Above Ground Level:	396.	396.	meters AGL

I see that KWTV-39 antenna is at 478m, KWTV-9 at 418m. In terms of feet, KOSU would rise from 1053 to 1299 above ground (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, At that location, we must protect a station near Tecumseh, OK. We hope not to make these changes. All I am able to say is that lawyers are talking (Dan Schroeder, KOSU CE, to gh via DXLD)

So KOSU is losing access to the rented tower space near Seward, for some reason, but is fighting it (wasn`t the original tower near Stillwater owned by OSU?). As contingency, CP is to move all the way to OKC, on the KWTV tower, and gain some height, but with the necessary reduction to the SE. If this happens, I hope that will even out coverage toward Enid so we don`t lose any more signal strength (Glenn to Dan, ibid.)

You have the basics. The leased tower space is extremely complicated

and we are having issues making some changes. The Ch 9 tower would mean a serious degrading of our Enid coverage. We are "fighting" any change (Dan Schroeder, ibid.)

** PAKISTAN. 1152 kHz, 11 AUG, 2212 UT, PBC Rawalpindi, on outside of normal hours (per WRTH) with many IDs in English by man and woman announcers, into a call-in show in Urdu, with many mentions of broadcasting. Possibly on outside of normal hours because of Ramadan or the disastrous flooding. They are only about 230 miles away from me. Signals were very strong with an occasional fade and no interference (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3290, NBC Central, 1401-1403*, August 4. Sign off announcement for ìN-B-C Centralî in both Tok Pisin and English; National Anthem.

3915, Radio Fly, 1406, August 4. Wide range of music (ìRunning with the Nightî; Johnny Cash singing ìI Walk the Lineî; Bee Gees with ìYou Should Be Dancingî; etc.); after 1432 could hear // 5960; tuned out 1510.

3365, NBC Milne Bay, 1246-1301, August 8. Sunday religious show in English produced in Australia; asked listeners to write in to ìACBM, P.O. Box 840, Marleston, South Australia 5033î; played some classical music; almost fair.

3385, NBC East New Britain, 1215-1226*, August 8. Yet another Sunday with same format and identical sign off time; religious program in English; produced in USA; suddenly off with no sign off announcement. Why do they consistently go off the air at this unique time?

3385, NBC East New Britain, 1224-1226*, August 10. Pop song and suddenly off; weak (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4835.42, Radio MaraÒÛn, Jaen, 1021 with om and music under adjacent slop. 5 August.

4955, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 1030 Excellent Peruvian vocals, Time check at 32 minutos by om, excellent signal. Enjoyable 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Video Radio Manantial 4987 kHz --- Hola Colegas, Les envÌo un

enlace a You Tube donde el Ministro Leoncio Paco Conce de Radio Manantial 4987 kHz ha colocado un video producido para mostar el sistema de transmisiÛn de la emisora, Èl junto al tÈcnico hacen la explicaciÛn; ademas va acompaÒado de una hermosa melodÌa y vista del paisaje que rodea la planta transmisora. Disfr˙ntenlo. Buen DX (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogota D.C. - COLOMBIA, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD) Viz.:

SeÒor Rafael Rodriguez, un abrazo desde Huancayo Per˙, Èsta es la p·gina de la radio de la planta transmisora.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1TddrvgZm0
(via RRR, ibid.)

First demonstrates the ``machine`` on ``4985``, ``75 metros``, then outside to look at the lazy-H antenna, 3800m ASL. Not sure if he knows what ``lazy`` means in this context (gh, DXLD)

°Una joya de video y testimonio! Suena cÛmico cuando le llaman "la m·quina" ... °buenÌsimo! Instrucciones precisas, nadie puede meter la pata! Un homenaje a estos tÈcnicos que seguramente por aÒos han contribuido, en su oficio, al desarrollo de las radiocomunicaciones . Y m·s trabajando en zonas en "eterno desarrollo". .. Gracias a Rafael RodrÌguez, en Colombia por el dato (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5025, R. Quillabamba, Quillabamba. August 04 2244-2255 message service and ads by male in Spanish alternating Quechua, ads ìtenemos motores elÈctricos y productos de carpinterÌaî, local music, ads of a drugstore by female, music sounding like Brazilian sertanejo but in Spanish. At tune in a battle against Cuba, but from 2255 changed to a mixing product; 22432 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean a mixing product from something else blocked it? What? (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 4789.55v, Radio VisiÛn, Chiclayo, Aug 1, 0350-1115, generally poor overnight but much improved from 0800z onward. Typical La Voz de la SalvaciÛn content, male preaching in what sounds to be a large, echoey auditorium. Appears to be local programming after 0800 with Andean vocals, Radio VisiÛn ID at 0857. Back to La Voz del la SalvaciÛn at 0930.

+ 4789.56v, Aug 2, 0115-0730, Aug 2, much better overnight but signal fading by 0730 and remaining generally threshold the rest of the morning.

4824.46v, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, Aug 2, *1048-1110, lively vocal at sign-on, greetings by low key male announcer at 1052 mentioning

Iquitos and FM, into a monologue. Fair signal but poor modulation, fading rapidly.

4850.28, Radio GÈnesis (tentative), Huanta, Aug 4, 0030-1130, overnight signal, threshold audio from 0100-0200 and then again at 1119 UT, just after Huanta sunrise, barely able to make out vocal. They appear to have been off Aug 1 to 3; this is the first sign of them I have seen.

4950.062, Radio Madre de Dios (tentative), Pt Maldonado, Aug 1, *1032-1110, only threshold audio noted and quickly fading from 1100 UT.

6019.26, Radio Victoria, Lima, Aug 2, 0559-0900, in the clear after Sackville QRT at 0559 until Australia 0900 s/on, preaching until 0601, La Voz de la LiberaciÛn ID, Beethoven theme and Radio Victoria ID at 0602. Long La Voz de la LiberaciÛn promo, children speaking. Good strength signal except for occasional slop from massive Cuba 6010 (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. FILIPINAS - 9395 05/08 1915-1930 R·dio Filipinas, Tinang, em idioma tagalog com longa conversa entre duas mulheres, provavelmente uma entrevista sobre reabilitaÁ„o, ID e encerramento as 1930, Ûtima recepÁ„o.TambÈm ouvida em 11720 e 15190 mas com qualidade bastante inferior. O ·udio desta emissora e outras informaÁıes pode ser encontrado em http://www.ipernity.com/blog/76129/home
73 (Samuel C·ssio Martins, S„o Carlos SP, condiglist yg via DXLD)

15285, R. Pilipinas, 0201-0305, August 7. In English; segments of ìDateline MalacaÒang"; I like the frequent ships bell and "Mindanao Update" IDs; ìPhilippines Triviaî; ìThe Philippines Todayî; ìToday in Philippines Historyî. No PBS news, even though they announced it would be on; BoH: ìFrom the presidential palace Manila, Dateline MalacaÒang. This is Radio Pilipinas, the overseas service of the Philippines Broadcasting Service, P-B-S, Radio Pilipinas reaching you from Manila, Philippinesî; mostly fair. Their local programming is very enjoyable! IDs: http://www.mediafire.com/?8g1bm2rgtftr7aa (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 9625, Aug 11 at 1300, CBC NQ with CBC News, fast SAH and CCI from ``Jesus Saves`` IS of FEBC, 1301 latter into hymn in unknown language, listed Hmong in EiBi; enough to ruin CBC reception (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. Amigos, Apesar de ser uma figurinha f·cil, segundo comentam, o QSL da R·dio PolÙnia pra mim foi um verdadeiro martÌrio, apesar de h· poucos semanas atr·s terem confirmado via e-mail. AtÈ que

enfim me enviaram a t„o sonhada confirmaÁ„o desta emissora, depois de mais de 1300 dias. Coloquei a foto do mesmo: http://www.sokapo.blogspot.com 73s, (LeÙnidas dos Santos Nascimento, S„o Jo„o Evangelista - MG, Aug 5, radioescugtas yg via DXLD)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA/RUSSIA, 999 / 6010, Voice of Russia, Russian mixture on 7009 kHz in ham radio band.

UNID, 7009 mixture, 1945-2010 UT, of 999 VoRUS Ru and 6010 YFR Grigoriopol in Italian language. Der BC Sender auf 7009 kommt aus Rumaenien, QTF BNetzA um 1945 UT am 04.08.10 (Wolf DK2OM via wb, Aug 4, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 11 via DXLD)

{rather 7009, and 4831 below under Russia are 5920 +/- 1089; see next issue or dxldyg}

** QATAR. QBS TO AIR FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES ON RAMADAN

The Qatar Broadcasting Service (QBS) will air special programmes in English, French and Urdu on many aspects of the holy month of Ramadan. These programmes, says a report published in a local daily, will be for the benefit of non-Arabic listeners.

The programme in Urdu will be broadcast for four hours daily from 6 to 10 pm. It will include an exposition of the Hadith (Sayings of the Prophet of Islam); and a summing up of the important events that took place in the month of Ramadan all through the periods of Islamic history. Besides, the regular daily items of listenersí requests and other variety programmes will also be broadcast.

The French language programme will be broadcast from 1 to 4 pm (Sunday to Thursday). Among its new features will be a programme entitled ëhelath magazineí. It is to be presented by Christine Fardeen. She will be focusing on prominent diseases and the methods of treatment.

The programme in English will be broadcast from 7 am to 1 pm. Among its special features during Ramadan will be ìIslam and Economicsî which will be on the air every Friday at 10.45am; and ìYour Diet during Ramadanî every Saturday at 11.05am. (Source: Gulf News) (August 9th, 2010 - 12:17 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD) UT +3, WTFK but surely not SW (gh)

** REUNION. QSL: R…UNION (FRANCE), FR3 Radio RÈunion, 666, f/d "Rotatable Antenna in Issoudun France" card in 80 days for French report and US $5.00 return postage. No V/s; however the comments section listed "surprising!" as the station's comment. Report was sent to RÈunion, however reply came from TDF Radio Business Unit, Shortwave Department, Montrouge, France (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio

G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. WINNERS OF THE BRASOV CONTEST

The competition was about the city of Brasov, which in 2010 celebrates the 775th anniversary of its first mention in a historical document, as well as about the entire central Romania, a region with many tourist and cultural attractions.

Due to a deep economic crisis, the management of the Romanian public television and the local authorities in Brasov decided, a short time ago, to cancel the 2010 edition of the Golden Stag pop music festival, so the winners of the grand prizes of the competition will no longer be able to attend this festival. They will instead be able to enjoy the areas surrounding Brasov, one of the most popular tourist sites in Romania.

We received 378 correct entries to the competition. Thank you for your interest and hope you will participate in our future competitions as well. The competition dedicated to Brasov enjoyed the support of a number of sponsors and partners, which we thank once again for their involvement. The competition was sponsored by Hotel Royal and the Cassandra guest house located in Poiana Brasov.

There are two grand prizes consisting in two 7-day stays at Hotel Royal and Cassandra guest house with full boarding between the 1st and the 8th of September.

But we have lots of other prizes as well offered by our partners and sponsors, including the County Council, the Brasov City, the Brasov County History Museum, the Brancoveanu- Sambata de Sus Monastery, the Union of Fine Artists in Brasov and the Libris Cultural Association. You could find out the correct answers to our questions from Radio Romania Internationalís programs, website, and our Facebook and Twitter profiles.

The competition ended on the 15th of July, post date. Before giving you the names of the winners, here are the questions again accompanied by the correct answers. . . [much more, every single winner named] Source: Radio Romania International http://bit.ly/9exPSs (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, playdx yg via DXLD)

RUMANIA --- RADIO RUMANIA INTERNACIONAL hizo p˙blico los resultados del concurso sobre BRASOV-CIERVO DE ORO; en su listado de afortunados encontramos colegas habituales de la onda corta. Uno de los viajes ha recaÌdo en MIGUEL RAM”N BAUSET (Alborada-Valencia-EspaÒa) que realiza un espacio informativo centrado en lo que sobre RUMANIA dice la prensa

espaÒola. Se trata de uno de los histÛricos diexistas espaÒoles que tiene el honor de haber sido ganador de varios premios (viajes) en diferentes emisoras.

Otro nombre familiar es el de JosÈ LuÌs Corcuera (Vitoria-¡lava-EspaÒa) que hace aÒos visitÛ el paÌs latino enclavado en esta zona de Europa Oriental. Los que deseen conocer la nÛmina completa de ganadores les aconsejamos visiten http://www.rri.ro. °°°FELICIDADES A TODOS LOS GANADORES!!! (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 8888 USB, 09 AUG, 1513 UT, Novosibirsk VOLMET, Woman in Russian with IDs and weather data for flights. Fairly strong signal at this time. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Yesterday Aug 5th with strong signal in the village on 4831 kHz was:

1930-2000 Voice of Russia World Service in Russian \\ 7310, 1089, etc.

2000-2100 Voice of Russia Evangelic Readings in Russian \\ only!! on 1089 kHz, VOR ER is using 2000-2100 UT 1089 Krasnodar and 612 Moscow according to their announcement.

1089 kHz from Krasnodar heard on \\ 4831 kHz - usage:

1500-2000 VOR WS; 2000-2100 VOR ER, both services are in Russian. Registered with 1200 kW.

Which formula for 4831? {4831 + 1089 = 5920 kHz 2000-2200 UT to zone 37 200kW 280degr, wb.} (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Aug 7/8, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 11 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Re: Samara site clarification

> The text from 'Vlad Titarev' misleading in referring to MW/SW site !

But not wrong in as far as this was indeed a shortwave site, too. Novosemeykino had some 15 kW shortwave transmitters, moved in from Moscow area. These old broadcasting transmitters have been withdrawn and subsequently dismantled in 1985 due to their age and comparatively low power.

But if other information can be trusted was Novosemeykino still the origin of SSB feeds until the mid-nineties, in particular one for the 1323 kHz transmitter in Germany. Here, at the receiving end, earlier a professional reception set-up at Beelitz was in use. In the end it was

just an EKD series shortwave receiver that sat on the control room console at Wachenbrunn. I was told that reception of the SSB feed signal was almost always good, unless in the rather rare moments when the cable circuit really broke down!

If the link to the photo gallery does not work use this one:
http://www.cqham.ru/foto/showgallery.php?cat=698

And here is an article about the Novosemeykino site, with photos taken while the station was still alive, also a sketch that includes the shortwave rhombics can be found there:
http://www.retro.samnet.ru/zapstolica/rvs/index.htm

Concerning the new Samara shortwave site (it apparently opened around 1960): It has been announced on a HFCC conference in 2008 that this site is scheduled to close, and some contradictory information said that it would happen either at the next possible deadline or within the next years. Now it appears that the latter version is true.

Discussions about development plans and the value of the antenna field (it's located almost inmidst Samara, not out in the countryside) already appeared, so I think that the mentioned industry gossip was not ill-informed, in particular since the use of the site must have shrank further in the last two years (I would have to compare schedules here to find out in detail, HFCC registrations include too much withful thinking in the case of Russia). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Aug 2, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Hi Kai, Fantastic to have your input on this topic. I had wondered after my most recent posting on this topic if in fact the Novosemeykino "had" SW in the past given Vlad's comment. Well, you have indicated that it did, given the rhombic drawings.

Can I/we assume the main usage of the 15 kW SW transmitters from Novosemeykino site was for domestic SW broadcasting? Or is this unknown with the possibility, as your maybe suggesting that SW usage might have been just or also as SSB feeders? Anything more known about this?

ALSO:

In the Excel files I have the date that present Samara (SW?) site commenced broadcasting was May 1942. I can't recall where info came from. Do you think that date might have been for nearby MW or Novosemeykino SW site??? Or just wrong? I'm puzzled.

I'll change the change the present Samara commencement date for SW broadcasts to 1960 unless anyone in the group has info that says

otherwise...

Interesting uncovering so much detail after all these years. Wish we had access to the former Russian RF Engineers that worked at sites like these for their intelligence & stories. Cheers (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

It was external broadcasting. This whole wartime facility has been set up as a precaution, to be prepared for the case of Moscow area probably getting occupied. Thus also all equipment has been installed in an underground shelter. I think the shortwave transmitters have been moved in from Noginsk, where they have been originally installed.

Of course it is another question which use these transmitters still saw after, let's say, 1960. What the online sources mention is just that the old transmitters have been finally dismantled in 1985.

> Or is this unknown with
> the possibility, as your maybe suggesting that SW usage might have
> been just or also as SSB feeders?

This was much later, and certainly not done with the vintage transmitters.

It must be also added that the hints at these SSB back-up feeds originating from Novosemeykino have been given about 15 years ago, when they were still on air, in a rather vague way. Only real evidence are the remains of a Vyaz communications transmitter, featured in the more recent "urban exploration" photo gallery.

Meanwhile an illustrated news release has been published, too: http://samara.rtrn.ru/news.asp?view=12986

It says that after the closure in 2005 the shape of the facilities deteriorated from year to year, in particular the reliability of the insulators that carried the masts could no longer be guaranteed, posing a risk for nearby buildings. The whole station was a secret until the eighties.

An earlier article mentioned a proposal to use the rooms for a data centre: http://samara.rtrn.ru/news.asp?view=11696

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> commenced broadcasting was May 1942. I can't recall where info came
> from. Do you think that date might have been for nearby MW or
> Novosemeykino SW site???

Indeed this date refers to Novosemeykino.

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> broadcasts to 1960 unless anyone in the group has info that says
> otherwise...

Make that 1952: http://samara.rtrn.ru/info.asp?view=10579

And if these photo collections are not known yet:
http://foto.mail.ru/inbox/yemel/21
http://photofile.ru/users/vrag_smr/96203125/
(Kai Ludwig, Aug 8, ibid.)

** SAINT HELENA. Hello Listeners to Radio St. Helena, Gary Walters has just informed me that all the rest of the 266 QSL-cards for Radio St. Helena Day 2009 have been put aboard the Royal Mail Ship RMS St. Helena on 05. August and are now on the way to Ascension Island. From there, the QSL's go by air to England to be put into the international air mail service for distribution to SWL's around the world.

With best 73 to everyone, Gary Walters (Station Manager, Radio St. Helena) (via Robert Kipp, Aug 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Gary Walters is trying to change the date for Rdio St. Helena Day (``RSD``) 2010 to either the 9th or the 16th of October. He is not sure about that yet, as Derek plans to go on holiday away from the island in October, but we do not know exactly when, and Derek is responsible for operating the shortwave station.

Broadcasting to Eastern North America: how about 2300-0030?

We have to consider that the good folks at Radio St. Helena will all be working a lot of overtime, just for fun, for our enjoyment, and for free during the evening of RSD 2010. That may involve up to 6 or 7 or 8 hours of overtime, depending on who we are talking about. The past has shown that they really do not want to stretch RSD to beyond 0030, if at all possible. I can see their point in that.

I have been working with the software VOAProp and W6ELProp to try to find the best times to broadcast to your region. Does NASWA have an ``expert`` for this propagation software?? If so, I would really appreciate him/her contacting me, so that we can share experience with the software (Robert Kipp, Germany, August NASWA Journal via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15380, the BSKSA BUZZ tx signal is back, but not so intense like in past 5 years. Noted again today Aug 10 at 0720 UT S=9 strength, \\ Holy Quran program much more tiny on 17895 kHz towards

CIS, CeAS, Siberia, Tatarstan ... scheduled 0600-0900 UT.
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 10 via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. RADIO RIYADH AIRS "PRICE OF SACRIFICE" WITH EGYPTIAN VOICE OF ARAB | Text of report by Saudi state-owned official news agency SPA website

Radio Riyadh jointly with Sawt Al Arab (the voice of Arab) will air at the beginning of the Blessed Month of Ramadan a soap opera entitled 'The Price of Sacrifice' a joint Saudi-Egyptian production radio series adopted from the work of late Hamid Damanhouri, a Saudi writer with work of the same title published in 1958 and republished in 1980.

The series will be awarded to all Arab Radios after all series aired by the end of Ramadan, said Saad Al Jurais, The Director of Riyadh Radio.

This work will bring back radio drama to its former dignity, said Ibrahi Al Saqoub, The Assistant Deputy Minister for Radio Affairs, adding that the upcoming work will reflect the kind of respect and love that the Saudi and Egyptian peoples share.

The Price of Sacrifice is presented in a simplified Classic Arabic, which will introduce an educational message to new generations far away from colloquialism.

Hamid Damanhori, (1921-1965) was a senior education official who worked as assistant deputy minister of education for cultural affairs in the sixties. He was a poet and writer. He wrote another story titled the 'The passing days' which was published in 1963. Source: SPA news agency website, Riyadh, in English 1034 gmt 8 Aug 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SCOTLAND. Saturday, 14th August will mark 43 years since the offshore radio stations dotted around the British coastline were declared illegal. These ships, along with others around the world, contributed disproportionately to the development of radio. On 14th August, radio six international remembers the radio ships with a day of special programming. Details will be released later this month, but the day will include many wonderful surprises, rare studio recordings, documentaries, jingles and recollections from those who were there, including John Peel, John Benson, Tony Allan, Mark West, Tommy Shields, Stuart Henry, Jack McLaughlin, Tony Meehan, Noel Miller, Ben Healy, Emperor Rosko, Graham Webb, Norman St. John, Paul Harris and others, as well as special editions of Soundwave, The Kenny Tosh Revival Show and The Lively Lounge.

Full details in Radio News which can be downloaded here

http://www.radiosix.com/

This will be a day not to be missed for radio fans (via Mike Terry, Aug 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD) Viz.:

OFFSHORE RADIO SPECIAL ON RADIO SIX INTERNATIONAL ON SATURDAY 14 AUGUST Courtesy of http://www.mediapages.nl via Alan Milewczyk

The web radio station Radio Six International in Scotland dedicates Saturday, August 14th to the memory of the offshore stations. Programmes will include the last live programme on Radio Scotland in 1967 with Tony Allan and Mark West, a documentary by Paul Harris about the offshore stations and the last hour of Radio Scotland on August 14, 1967. In addition, many jingles, historic recordings and music from the offshore era.

Radio Six International has been broadcasting from Glasgow since 2000 and is listened to in 173 countries.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2010
ALL TIMES GMT (FOR UK TIMES ADD ONE HOUR)

0000 THE SIXTIES PARTY WITH GEORGE BURTON

0100 FRESH GARBAGE WITH TONY CURRIE

0200 ALCHEMICAL RADIO with REVEREND RABBIT

0300 COLLEGE OF PIPING with ROBERT WALLACE

0400 THE TONY CURRIE SHOW as broadcast on Radio Northsea International on 11th June, 2001 from the ship LV18 as part of the RNI revival broadcasts.

0630 SWINGING UK with John Benson and a lost pilot from 1965. Radio London produced this chart show in an attempt to get into the US radio market.

0700 THE PAUL AND SPIKE SHOW

0800 KENNY TOSH REVIVAL SHOW from Belfast with his memories of the 60s pirates

0900 SOUNDWAVE John Cavanagh with pop alternatives and Clips from John Peel's Big l show "The Perfumed Garden"

1000 THE LIVELY LOUNGE RADIO SHIPS SPECIAL Tony Currie with the themes from offshore radio stations around the world

1100 ALCHEMICAL RADIO with REVEREND RABBIT

1200 SUE FISHER'S BEHIND THE TRACKS

1300 PIRATE POPS Adventures of hapless deejay Ronan on fictional 70s pirate Radio Marina

1400 TONY ALLAN & MARK WEST hosted the last live show to be broadcast from offshore station Radio Scotland on 14th Aug 1967. This is a previously unheard studio recording of their final show.

1450 THE HISTORY OF OFFSHORE RADIO Paul Harris, former offshore radio manager and author of "When Pirates Ruled The waves" tells the story of Britain's radio flotilla.

1535 REQUIEM FOR RADIO SCOTLAND 242 Tommy Shields introduces contributions from Tony Allan, Tony Meehan and Jack McLaughlin

1600 THE JOCKS WHO ROCKED THE OCEAN Tony Currie talks about the days at sea with Jack McLaughlin, Noel Miller, and Mike Aherne

1645 OFFSHORE JINGLEMANIA Nonstop montage of jingles from the offshore stations including Radio Caroline, Radio London, Radio Northsea International, Radio England, Britain Radio, Radio Scotland, Radio 390, Radio Invicta, Radio City, Radio Veronica and Radio Hauraki

1700 THE MILLER TELLS HER TALE with KAREN MILLER

1900 DAVID BELCHER'S SOUL SHOW

2000 FRESH GARBAGE WITH TONY CURRIE

2100 JEFF FIEDLER'S SOUNDS FROM THE LOST & FOUND

2200 242's FINAL HOUR Tommy Shields presented this final hour of 242 Radio Scotland at 11pm on 14 Aug 1967.

2300 TWO'S COMPANY: DENIS & ROSE BLACKHAM

Radio Six International can be heard online through their website: http://www.radiosix.com (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) see also INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]

** SEYCHELLES. I also received a nice QSL email from Jean-Paul Gamatis, Chief Engineer of the Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation, 1368 kHz after 114 days(!) for a paper report and US $5.00. He also stated that they do not have QSL cards anymore since they rarely get

such requests, but would see if they can get some made and send me one. I had replied that a f/d card made from a nice postcard would be fine, and he and I were chatting about broadcast engineering. He told me they are going to be doing some work on their main mediumwave antenna soon which they hope will improve the signal. In a follow up email, we were discussing ground conductivity here in Afghanistan and the merits of a 120/50 radial system. He also asked if I knew anyone who was using a CFA MF antenna system. I have written back to determine if they are looking to go to that system, or are using it now, but no answer as of yet. His email is jeanpaul.gamatis @ sbc.sc (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hasn`t the CFA [crossed field antenna] been pretty well debunked by now? Or useful in certain applications (gh to Al, ibid.)

The CFA hasnít exactly been debunked, but it has fallen into disfavor. Jean-Paul sent me this email, excerpted below:

``My MF antenna is located at the sea front in mud water, excellent conductivity but Ant impedance changes with the tides. It goes from no water above the radial (low tide) to almost 1.7m at times. 50R to something like 60+j24 at worst.

``Was thinking of a raised counterpoise GND system to sort out this problem but now we have to relocate as too much interference to phones and other equipment. New site is located in a small valley next to a water reservoir.

``Was looking at CFA some time back. Had a rf specialist in Australia who was going to build one to do some test but then dropped the idea. Could not at that time find parts to build it. A colleague who went to Egypt says Radio Cairo has one on top of their Radio house.

``I think will stick to series fed tower 90 degrees, although I read that folded mono pole(shunt feed) works better than series fed over poor gnd system and can be set to 50R and no ATU required.``

His current antenna was all over the j-omega scale because of the tides. That tells me they didnít put the antenna far enough out to where the tides would not affect it. All of the ìsea antennasî I have ever seen are in places where the tide does not remove all the water. This is the reason they are killing all the phones and other things in the area.

The raised counterpoise is good if they have the real estate to put it on or it is out of the way. There is always someone who will come along and hurt themselves on it. The Government of South Sudan was

trying to get me to assist them to install one for their 100 kW transmitters in Goomba (when I was with the UN), but they did not want to spend the money to fence it off and the place was crawling with children. I respectfully declined.

The folded monopole he is looking at would be good for him commercially, but would probably screw DXíers because it greatly reduces the skywave content and converts it to groundwave, plus it has the added benefit of easy matching (Al Muick, Afghanistan, Aug 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. Radio Slovakia International has had a bit of a chequered history in recent years. A couple of years ago, funding for the shortwave service ran out and the station was off air for around four months. A short time after the return, one of the station`s most familiar voices, Pete Miller, was let go in suspected shake-ups and cut-backs. Pete was from the Midlands here in the UK, and spoke with something of a Staffordshire accent (if I`m not mistaken). He also ran a Slovakian stamp swapping service ñ something quite unusual. Despite the supposed cutbacks, two British members of staff are still heard on the airwaves. One of them has a distinct Welsh accent.

A more recent development are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday broadcasts which only function on one of the two frequencies used by the station. The UK frequencies are 5920 and 6055. On the affected days, one is used on odd weeks and another on even weeks. It all seems a little confusing! Despite all these fun and games, hear are my findings (Darren Rozier, introducing three pages of detailed program monitoring notes for July 10-14, Listening In, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. Miraya FM QSL, via IRRS via RIMAVSKA SOBOTA, 7385. Card with full-data, except site, in 5 months for a report to Fondation Hirondelle, Avenue du Temple 19C, CH-1012, Lausanne, Switzerland. Upper left corner has orange & yellow Miraya FM logo, followed by info about Miraya FM, followed by ìWe are pleased to certify your reception of STAR radio Liberia.î!!!

The card was folded in half and lightly glued, but I was able to open it (there was nothing on the back). The last card I received from Hirondelle was also folded but permanently glued. Each arrived in an envelope large enough to accommodate an unfolded card. Iím very happy to receive these cards so Iím not complaining; Iím just curious as to why they fold and glue their cards (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA, Aug 12, Cumbre DX via DXLD) And why QSL wrong station?

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC Honiara, 0922-0935 August 3, vernacular. M announcer with lengthy talk thru BoH; poor-fair in ECSS-

LSB with mild 5025-Rebelde splash (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, NH-USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.9, SIBC 1010 some audio with Radio Rebelde in remission. 7 August (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro-DL, NRD 535D, Elliptic Low Pass Audio Filters, http://www.kongsfjord.no/ [See Dallas Files], Dallas Lankford, 7/4/05, rev. 5/26/08, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, Aug 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.76, SIBC, 1101-1110 Aug 7, Noted a male in steady English language comments which sounded like the news. Signal was fair but very muffled (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, NRD545, 26.37N 081.05W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Spurs: See UNIDENTIFIED [non] 5811+++

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 6155, *1900-2100* 26 July, Overcomer Ministry, 45444, site? (Edwin Southwell, Aug WDXC Contact via DXLD) Wertachtal (gh) See also USA WWRB/WINB

** SPAIN. EspaÒa: Actuaciones de acondicionamiento en nuestro campo de antenas (Radio Exterior) --- Comunicamos a nuestros seguidores por Onda Corta que debido a problemas tÈcnicos no podr·n de momento recibir nuestras emisiones por estas frecuencias:
9570 / 11620 / 15385 / y 17715 kHz

En fines de semana, s·bados y domingos, las frecuencias afectadas [sic] por esos fallos tÈcnicos son: 6155 kHz.

Y el domingo concretamente la afectada es la frecuencia de 9665 kHz.

Los equipos tÈcnicos de la CorporaciÛn RTVE est·n trabajando para subsanar todos los problemas y en cuanto las reparaciones estÈn concluidas le informaremos nuevamente. Sentimos mucho no poder suministrar por esas bandas el servicio p˙blico habitual que venimos realizando. Fuente: http://bit.ly/duvG7p
(via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, Aug 11, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Radio Ceylon Calling India - 11905 kHz --- SLBC's new broadcast to India at 1530-1630 UT on 11905 heard here with good reception on 2nd and 3rd August. It was only audible for the first 25 minutes or so, until the frequency is blocked by RDP which signs on in Portuguese at about 1555 on weekdays.

The broadcast starts at 1530 with IDs in English and Hindi, then music, mostly introduced in Hindi until approx 1546 when there is a short news bulletin in English followed by music introduced in English

(at this point the frequency is blocked by RDP).

The English ID is "Radio Ceylon calling out to India". It seems to be a relay of a domestic channel with various FM frequencies announced, including 95.6 MHz in Colombo (WRTH lists this frequency for SLBC commercial service in English).

Reception is only possible here Monday-Friday at 1530-1555 as the channel is completely blocked by RDP in Portuguese on Saturday-Sunday (Dave Kenny, Caversham Berks, Aug 5, AOR 7030+ 25m long wire, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD) So `Ceylon` not completely passÈ

** SRI LANKA. SLBC to Recruit Disabled Security Personnel
http://firstlanka.com/english/news/slbc-to-recruit-disabled-security-personnel/

Thu, Aug 12, 2010 --- The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation has launched a programme to recruit soldiers with disabilities as announcers and technical staff. The selected persons will be deployed in service after special training in the relevant fields. The programme is being implemented under the patronage of the head of the Dharmayathanaya Colombo Venerable Elle Gunawansa Thera. The assistance of the "Lakviru Sevena Disabled Soldiers' Vocational Training Centre is being provided for this programme (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dx-sasia yg via DXLD)

** SUDAN. Sudan has halted BBC Arabic broadcasts on FM radio stations in four northern cities, including the capital Khartoum.
Full story from BBC News:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10912871
(Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC ARABIC RADIO SUSPENDED IN NORTH SUDAN
KHARTOUM | Sun Aug 8, 2010 11:22pm BST

(Reuters) - The BBC's licence to broadcast in Arabic on local frequencies in north Sudan will be suspended from Monday, the government announced, citing violations by the broadcaster such as smuggling in satellite equipment.

Many Sudanese, especially Darfuri refugees in camps in the war-torn west, rely on the Arabic-language service and the British broadcaster has a long history in Africa's largest country.

"The government ... is stopping the BBC's FM service working in Khartoum, Port Sudan, Medani and el-Obeid and is suspending the agreement signed between the BBC and (the government) from August 9, 2010," said an Information Ministry statement published by the state news agency SUNA on Sunday.

The four locations mentioned are the main towns in the north and the measure would effectively end FM broadcasts in Arabic by the BBC in the north.

Sudan has often clamped down on local media but generally does not censor foreign news organisations.

The government said the BBC had tried to smuggle in satellite equipment in a diplomatic pouch, that it was working in South Sudan without permission from the central authorities and that the BBC's charitable arm was working in the country without the correct permits.

Visiting journalists often complain Sudanese visas and travel permits to conflict zones once inside the country are difficult to obtain. All foreigners resident in the country are subject to strict travel restrictions and must obtain permits to visit many of Sudan's regions.

The BBC has previously said it was in talks with the government to continue broadcasting. "We would be very disappointed if the Sudanese people in northern Sudan were no longer able to access the impartial news and current affairs of BBC Arabic on FM radio," it said in a statement sent to Reuters earlier.

It added the station would still be available on short wave, satellite or via the BBC website.

On Saturday, President Omar Hassan al-Bashir warned foreign organisations including aid agencies they would be expelled if they failed to respect the authority of the government.

Last month Sudan expelled two aid workers from the Geneva-based International Organisation for Migration.

Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and genocide during Darfur's seven-year conflict.

A counter-insurgency campaign drove more than 2 million people from their homes to miserable camps, sparking one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

(Reporting by Opheera McDoom; editing by Andrew Dobbie) Source: http://bit.ly/doNHXM (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombiam DXLD) See also SEYCHELLES

** SUDAN [non]. Hi Glenn and everyone, 9 Aug 2010, Having a tune around and stumbled across R Dabanga 11500 at 1730 (Madagascar transmitter?). Thought you may like to hear the excellent ID (if you

have not already heard it). Here is the link:
http://www.box.net/shared/9nba78qsz6
73's (Mark, Anglesey, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, Madagascar from 1530, but supposedly finished at 1727. Yes, they have a nice singing ID, and I hear it frequently on the morning broadcast. Time on the clip is 1630, so UT vs 1730 BST? (gh, DXLD)

** SURINAM. 4989.984, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, Aug 1, 0600-1000, occasional peaks with pop music, talk my man, woman. Minor but steady peak just after 0936 UT sunrise in Paramaribo with monologue by man in likely Dutch, religious vocals. Occasional QRM from Spanish chatter, perhaps Pescadores, on 4991.4 USB (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo. August 07, 0648-0703 English romantic music selections, canned male and child voice ID ìR. Apintieî, Lenny Kravitz ballad. 35333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo. August 09, 0716-0721 English romantic music selections. QRM of 4985, 32322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 4774.996, Trans World Radio, Aug 1, 0430, German service until 0500, then English, religious programming. Good signal until 0510, audio faded out by 0530.

+ Aug 2, *0341, IS, English ID into vernacular, German at 0400, English at 0430. Leading the Way with Dr. Michael Youssef. Fair signal, better on Aug 1 (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. VLF - SAQ REPORT, 17.2 kHz: 0847 4 July: SAQ Grimeton, Sweden. Annual Alexanderson Day Broadcast. First bursts of carrier heard, followed by Vís. Long burst of varying tone carrier until 0849, when IDs commenced. "V V V V V V V V V DE SAQ SAQ SAQ" in slow CW. Continuous IDís with a couple of longer bursts of carrier until 0900:02 when the CW message began. This lasted until 0909:13. After a pause, "SAQ SAQ Ö" was heard, but the CW tone decreased along with the signal and then silence. SIO 344

1141 UT 4 July: SAQ Grimeton. Afternoon transmission. First bursts of carrier, Vís and continuous carrier with slight tone change. More IDs: "V V V V V V V V V DE SAQ SAQ SAQ". Continuous carrier at 1149 with slight tone increase, then decrease. More IDs, brief pause then into CW message at 1200. End of message just before 1209 "SAQ" in slow CW,

"V"s, tone decrease and power down at 1209:38. Slight QRM from Russia (18.1 kHz) and France (18.3 kHz). SIO 343

Reception was quite good this time. I used the same set as pictured in Aprilís Communication. It was built just after Christmas, so hasnít actually received SAQ until now (their last broadcast was Christmas Eve, I think). Also, the weather was very good, especially in the morning, with sun, blue sky, if a bit breezy. I made myself comfy on the hill-top, tuned to 17.2(ish), put the headphones on and listened from around 0825 UT. Lots of static crashes just moving the meter and occasional bursts from Russian and French naval stations on 18.1 and 18.3 kHz. The French one could be nulled, but the Russian one did cause QRM. There were also beeps of around 1 second duration every 15 seconds or so, not sure who this was.

A continuous carrier became audible at 0845 UT. It was weak, a lot weaker than SAQ is normally. I started to twiddle a few pots to increase RF amplifier gains and aerial Q, hoping to improve things, when a lot stronger carrier appeared at 0847. This stronger one was SAQ, much to my relief! Not sure who the weak one was, unless SAQ were tuning up on lower power. They soon started to send "V"s and "SAQ" IDís. A couple of occasions there were tone increases and longer bursts of carrier, where they may have been making adjustments. Also, the IDís were sent at a slower speed than the actual message, making it easier to copy (for me anyway!). I would say the morning broadcast was clearer than the afternoonís, not sure why, but they were both well received, with just the small ferrite rod aerial (Nick Rank, Buxton, Derbyshire, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SWEDEN [non]. Y creo que esta [Libia] es la emisora que no lograba identificar en una transmisiÛn sabatina que sintonicÈ en abril en los 11785 kHz de 1730-1800 UTC, de manera repetitiva citaban la ciudad de Arusha (Tanzania), bastante caÛtica en su ajetreo diario pero sumamente encantadora para un occidental. En varias ocasiones hablaban de RADIO AMARI MARU ARUSHA-TANZANIA SUATI TU ZAMBIRI øAlguien puede decirme algo sobre esta identificaciÛn tan poco habitual? Cordiales 73,s a todos (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En el horario HFCC de A-10 encontramos a: 11785 1730 1800 47SE,48SW,52NE,53NW SKN 300 140 1234567 280310 301010 Swahili USA IBR VTC --- es decir, IBRA Radio en kisuahili vÌa Skelton, Reino Unido. 73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IBRA RADIO --- la emisora que no lograba identificar en transmisiÛn sabatina la pasada primavera era la religiosa sueca IBRA RADIO a travÈs de una de sus repetidoras seg˙n desvelÛ, como siempre, Glenn Hauser. La sintonicÈ en los 11785 kHz de 1730-1800 UTC, de manera

repetitiva citaban la ciudad de Arusha (Tanzania), bastante caÛtica pero sumamente encantadora para un occidental, al menos cuando la visitÈ. En varias ocasiones daban una identificaciÛn que decÌa m·s o menos RADIO AMARI MARU ARUSHA-TANZANIA SUATI TU ZAMBIRI en idioma Kiswahili. Lamentablemente recibÌ una respuesta en la que informan que no envÌan QSL, pero hay algunos oyentes que dicen recibirlas øquÈ direcciÛn emplearon para lograrla? AntaÒo era una excelente verificadora y sus tarjetas muy vistosas (Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWITZERLAND. 6435.5, 05/AUG, 2041 UT, HEB Berne Radio utility station with SITOR bursts and occasional CW Marker of CQ DE HEB. Probably the last chance for a shortwave logging from this country. Weak, but clear signals. Interesting Maritime Mobile service from a landlocked country (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 8400, SOH (presumed), 1227-1313, August 7. No Firedrake (Chinese music jamming) present today, just a poor-fair signal with long monotonous talking in Chinese; website given (could only make a few letters); brief Chinese music and also religious sounding background music. Probably them, but I do not believe this is a low powered transmitter! see China

Firedrake (FD) August 10: 8400, FD, *1210; *1308 and *1508. Presumed SOH in the clear during the FD break at ToH, with non-stop talking in Chinese till covered by strong FD (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Radio Taiwan International Presents a brand new contest on 15th anniversary of the death of legendary Taiwanese diva, Teresa Teng. For more please Visit:
http://blog.rti.org.tw/english/2010/08/06/your-chance-to-win-teresa-teng-commemorative-stamps/
All the best from (Ashik Eqbal Tokon, Rajshahi, Bangladesh, Aug 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. RADIO TAIW¡N INTERNACIONAL sigue activa en 3965; contrariamente a lo difundido recientemente en la red, no hubo cambios de frecuencia y ofrece una excelente seÒal a las 2000 UT para EspaÒa desde el centro transmisor de Issoudun (Francia). La frecuencia de 9595 que se dio, en ese horario, en mi QTH presenta una emisiÛn en lengua inglesa. Estimo en realidad hubo un despiste a la hora de poner en el aire la grabaciÛn y no un cambio real de frecuencia previsto por la emisora (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? Now sked on 9595 at 20-21 is YFR in French via Nauen (gh, DXLD)

** THAILAND. 6765, 08 AUG, 1844 UT, Bangkok Meteorological Radio, in USB with weather announcements in Thai and English. Fair to weak sigs with no interference and constant level. Between languages, they play a little IS that sounds like an ice cream truck on the bad side of town (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 15275.0, Radio Thailand *0200-0230* UT Aug 9, Service to US West Coast. Sign with interval bell signal then "You are listening to HSK9, Radio Thailand, World Service, Broadcasting from Bangkok..." by OM in English. Into news broadcast by YL about large ice sheet breaking loose in Greenland (Chuck Rippel, Chesapeake, VA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** TURKEY. The Voice of Turkey 702 kHz Catalca Transmitter former TRT Istanbul Radio --- I have just received an e mail from The Voice of Turkey Foreign Service Department. VoT have been on the air test transmissions in 702 kHz medium wave band. This broadcasting period is 24 hours in Turkish language.

But only in Ramadan Month this station will carry out "Ramadan Special" programme between 1700-1800 UT evening fasting time.
Schedule of this broadcasting details;
1700 News
1705 Instrumental Music with reed and times announcement meal before dawn (Imsak) and fasting (Iftar)
1710 Fasting Programme
1750 Instrumental music with reed then times announcement meal before dawn (Imsak) and fasting (Iftar)

Have a good DX'ing (Mustafa Cankurt, Turkey, Aug 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TUR Istanbul Catalca Izzettin 702 kHz 1200 kW
41 11 03.30 N 28 30 44.21 E

ARC Newsflash: TRT special Ramadan broadcasts. "TRT will prepare special Ramadan Programme. The following stations have been on the air 24 hours a day during Ramadan Period.

Antalya Aksu G¸c¸nde 891 kHz
TUR TRT Antalya Aksu G¸c¸nde 891 kHz 600 kW
36 55 39.52 N 30 56 30.11 E

Trabzon Bostanci 954 kHz
TUR TRT Trabzon Bostanci 954 kHz 30 kW
40 59 13.76 N 39 46 02.41 E

Mersin Cukurova 630 kHz
TUR TRT Mersin Cukurova 630 kHz 300 kW, 4-mast directional array
36 49 30.13 N 34 44 28.63 E

Three stations have been on the air between 0600-1500 UTC in normal times. The following stations have been running test transmissions between 29.07.2010-10.08.2010 before the beginning of Ramadan month.

Catalca 600 kW 702 kHz 1300-2100
Cukurova 300 kW 630 kHz 1600-2100
Antalya 300 kW 891 kHz 0400-0600

Additional Catalca (702 kHz Istanbul) on the air between 0300-0700 UTC, Antalya, Cukurova and Trabzon Radio 1.

Izmir Radio (927 kHz) 0600-1500 UTC Radio 4.
TUR TRT Izmir Torbali Cumaovasi 927 kHz 200 kW
38 14 58.73 N 27 15 28.90 E

Diyarbakir (1062 kHz) 0300-1400 UTC foreing language local dialect I think that Kurdish as mentioned.
TUR TRT Diyarbakir 1062 kHz 300 kW
37 49 10.40 N 40 19 05.43 E

Mudanya transmitter closed down forever."
TUR TRT (Istanbul) Bursa Mudanya 1017 kHz 600 kW
40 21 10.15 N 28 41 06.72 E

(Source Mustafa Cankurt-TUR, via Mauno Ritola-FIN via Bengt Ericson SWE, ARC, Vaexjoe-SWE; via Christoph Ratzer-AUT OE2CRM, A-DX Aug 9; locations added by wb, BC-DX AUg 11 via DXLD)

That precessing month is almost upon us again, making for further disruptions in broadcast schedules. Per
http://www.holidays.net/ramadan/dates.htm

``Ramadan 2010: According to Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA) Ramadan 1431 in North America, begins on the evening of Tuesday, August 10, 2010, so that the first day of fasting would be Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Source: http://www.moonsighting.com (via gh, DXLD)
For more, see WORLD OF HOROLOGY

** TURKEY. Hello to all our listeners in the second half of 2010. The second broadcasting term of the Voice of Turkey, beginning on July 1st will continue featuring the programmes which have received acclaim from you such as The Hues and Colours of Anatolia, which tells of Anatolia's multicultural texture and rich variety of colours, and

Ataturk in His Memoirs and Writings, a programme elaborating on Ataturk not only as a cherished leader who founded the modern Republic of Turkey but as a distinguished statesman whose career helped shape the political topography of 20th century.

Do you know that? - a feature telling you about the inherent qualities of Turkey which have turned it into a world country and a cultural mozaic hub. The Middle East Through Turkey's Window, delving into the developments in Iraq and the Middle East will also be with you in the second term too. In addition to them, The Turkish Album, concentrating on the topical, social, cultural, economic and scientific developments in Turkey, a programme we know our listeners are quite fond of given their messages regarding it, the Food of the Court, which explains the subtle recipes used in the Ottoman palaces and details the culinary marvels of those times, and Istanbul: 2010 European Capital of Culture the story of one of the world's most interesting and coveted cities, a centre action with a sound, smell, light, energy and spirit exclusive to it; are also among the features of the second broadcasting term.

Meanwhile, the European DX Council Conference organized in a different country every year will be hosted by Turkey between October 1 & 2. 2010. We hope it will be an interesting occasion for radio listeners and the representatives of international radio stations to meet and discuss the latest In this sector and come up with new Ideas to render International short wave listening and broadcasting more appealing, We hope to meet you on the air through VOT broadcasts (VOT second half of 2010 printed folder via Arthur Ward, Aug WDXC Contact via DXLD)

VOT English programs: DAILY:

NEWS
REVIEW OF THE TURKISH PRESS
--- FEATURES [see below]
DO YOU KNOW THAT [brief capsule]
QUESTION OF THE MONTH [same bit every day]
[multi-lingual IDs fill 2 minutes in every broadcast]
[and there is lots of T¸rkish music interspersed]

FEATURES:

MONDAY
ATAT‹RK IN HIS MEMOIRS AND WRITINGS
HUES AND COLOURS OF ANATOLIA

TUESDAY 1230:
FOOD OF THE COURT, Ottoman, with metric recipes
HEADING TOWARD TURKEY
TUESDAY 1830+:

LIVE FROM TURKEY [not really]

WEDNESDAY
REVIEW OF THE FOREIGN MEDIA
THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH TURKEY`S WINDOW
LETTERBOX PROGRAM

THURSDAY 1230:
LIVE FROM TURKEY [not really? Missing July 29]
THURSDAY 1830+:
BALKAN AGENDA
AGENDA

FRIDAY
TURKISH ALBUM: topical, social, cultural, economic, scientific
HOUSEHOLD ENVIRONMENTALIST

SATURDAY
OUTLOOK
DX CORNER or FOOD OF THE COURT [= Tue] alternating, recipes, metric
TURKEY`S MUSICAL COLOURS

SUNDAY
LET`S LEARN TURKISH [any printed or online material available?]
ISTANBUL: 2010 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

A-10 English schedule:
1230 15450 Eu+NAm or 13760 if forgot to change after German; 15520 As
1830 9785 Eu
2030 7205 As+Au
2200 9830 NAm+Eu +RTTY
0300 5975 NAm+Eu, 6165 As+Af [under Bonaire in Spanish]
[0300 believed still repeating previous UT day`s programs, altho unreconfirmed lately]

Live stream: http://www.trt.net.tr/Canli/anasayfa.aspx?kanal=RDVOT

News or entire broadcast on demand for 24 hours later: from above page click on TRT World, and look for link at bottom left. URL for each audio file may still be available longer but not linked

Some Turkish-language transmissions, you might try, for more music:
0400-0600 11980
0600-1300 13635
1300-1600 9840
1600-2100 9460
The above are for Europe, and onward to NAm; additional ones exist for Africa, Asia. Live streams of this are no doubt available too (Glenn

Hauser, from July-Dec 2010 printed folder via Kent D Murphy, WV, DXLD)

** TURKEY. TURQUÕA -- Algo similar [a TAIWAN] suele ocurrir con la emisiÛn de LA VOZ DE TURQUÕA: en la trancha horaria de las 1630 en lengua espaÒola en 11930 kHz aparece una transmisiÛn destinada a Pakist·n, lo peor es que sucede con relativa frecuencia (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. 9840, RUI English: 0503 4 July Hello from Kiev, 45333; 0510 10 July, Roots on theme parks, 35333 (Alan Roe, Aug WDXC Contact via DXLD) 0510 1 July, Ukraine Today, 54444 (Chris Shorten, Norwich, UK, ibid.) Ought to have some remnant of this in NAm, but not heard here (gh, DXLD)

11620, Radio Ukraine International, at 0740 UT, English, 05.08.2010. Mit O=4 auf 11620 kHz, aber auch mit Nebenausstrahlungen auf {spurs} 11555 und 11685 kHz (Herbert Meixner, Austria, A-DX Aug 6, via BC-DX Aug 11 via DXLD)

** U S S R [and non]. A Short Story. Occasionally a member bemoans the loss of a shortwave station but when asked if he actually listened to it has to admit not very often. Switzerland was good most of the time but not much could be said for Portugal or Finland and one or two others. Entertainment-wise the loss of Radio Moscow when the wall in Germany came crashing down and a new order took over in Eastern Europe calling it Radio Moscow World Service complete with time bell, a title stolen from the BBC was most notable.

In Radio Moscow's broadcasting heyday they broadcast their service to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific on five frequencies through Eastern Asian transmitters between 0700 and 0900 give or take daylight saving for those living in Greenwich UK and I have QSL's for most of them. The African Service followed before Radio Moscow broadcasting to Great Britain and Northern Ireland became an evening's must for UK listeners and European SWL's. In the run-up to midnight the North American Service of Radio Moscow on 13 frequencies from "7 point 1" MHz upwards from a forward line of transmitters in the Ukraine and a secondary line based on Moscow with three more in Kamchatsky beamed across the Pacific Ocean to the West Coastal areas of the USA. All Moscow's services were somewhat different in content.

What made these broadcasts listenable was Voice of America getting under the skin of the Red Square authorities over a static aircraft carrier based in the Indian Ocean called USS Diego Garcia. Heavy bombers from this island could, if need ever was, reach most of the industrial areas of the then Soviet Union and that was something Moscow could not accept. They blamed London for selling the island out to the US and for the cruel evacuation of the islands population. The

BBC World Service assured its listeners that the Diego Garcians had been moved to better surroundings and a better life. VoA could not disguise the fact that Diego Garcia was being heavily militarised. Night after night Diego Garcia was the main topic of the North American Service of Radio Moscow; they used every word in the dictionary to denounce the US action. It made excellent listening. The uncle sams had caught the ivans on a touchy subject and it made them squeal.

Club member Gordon Darling at that time gained BBC monitoring information on the actual location of the various Soviet transmitters and QSL's were requested and sent accordingly but at times the English language correspondence office had different locations for some frequencies due to probable outdated engineering information. While it lasted, shortwave listeners, DXers and QSL hunters had a challenging interesting time listening to Moscow on shortwave, those days are now gone forever (Arthur Ward, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U A E. 1269, 03/AUG, 2258 UT, Radio Asia with Malay and Indian slow ballads and occasional ID. Good signals, minimal QRM. Normal summer QRN and occasional deep fades. Second logging of these guys. Now if I can just get them to QSL! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. PUTTING UP THE SHUTTERS ON ONE OF OUR GREATEST SHOP WINDOWS

It would be no exaggeration to say that the BBC is a public relation expert's dream in international goodwill terms. The BBC World Service has been named countless times in countless places as one of the most trusted international media organisations ever.

And yet we hear worrying sounds of an axe being sharpened in readiness for cuts in the vicinity of the British Broadcasting Corporation. You can almost see Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt's thumb spilling droplets of blood as he tests the sharpness of the cutting edge before he plunges it into this unique network's neck. . .
http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk/news/Putting-shutters-greatest-shop-windows/article-2476007-detail/article.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K. ROBERT ROBINSON TO STEP DOWN AS BBC RADIO 4 'BRAIN OF BRITAIN' HOST --- Longtime host ROBERT ROBINSON is exiting BBC RADIO 4's "BRAIN OF BRITAIN" quiz show after 38 years in the chair. ROBINSON, 82, who took over the show from original host FRANKLIN ENGELMANN in 1972, will be replaced by RUSSELL DAVIES, who has filled in for ROBINSON in the past (allaccess.com via Brock Whaley for DXLD)

I was thinking that Robinson did not go back that far, having won the title himself one year, and subsequently took over as host (gh, DXLD)

** U K. Altho several BBC Prom Concerts are televised, alien IPs are banned from accessing them --- except Mahler`s Symphony No. 4 has a ``red button broadcast`` which worx for me. It`s a bit jerky, just over an hour, but the camera angles on the orchestral players are first-rate, and obviously carefully rehearsed. From Thursday August 5, so may expire in a week if like the audio-only ODs.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms/2010/whatson/0508.shtml#mahler4
One may also detach, ``pop-out`` the player, but don`t see any way to make it ``always on top`` as apparently only Real possiblizes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 17740, Aug 9 at 1402 tune-by, very weak signal audiblized briefly ``international --- mission`` in American accent, sounds like VOA news. Yes, during this hour only, VOA Botswana at 10 degrees.

Quickly checked 17585 Greenville, and instead of news on the hour, it was already in music! But at 1407, 17585 had interview with Islamabad correspondent about the flooding, and then from China about the mudslides. Must be Crossroads Asia, and confirmed as such by // 9760 Philippines, an echo apart.

Normally, the 1400-1430 segment from Greenville on weekdays carries Music Mix after the news, so Africans cannot be exposed to news about --- ugh --- Asia. Then at 1423, 17585 has switched back to Music Mix with rap, not // 9760, but // 15580 S„o TomÈ. I guess there was a program feed mixup into GB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A ([and] non). Updated summer A-10 Voice of America. Pt 2 of 2:
[concluded from 10-31]

French	0530-0600	on	1530	4960	6035	6095	9880	13710 Mon-Fri
to Africa	0600-0630	on	4960	6035	6095	9880	13710	Mon-Fri
	1830-2000	on	1530	6170	9815	17550		
	2000-2030	on	6170	9815	12080	15730	17550	
	2030-2100	on	9815	9830	12080	15185	15730	Sat/Sun
	2100-2130	on	9815	9830	12035	12080		Mon-Fri
Georgian	1600-1700	on	9435	13745				
	1700-1800	on	7425	11940				
Hausa	0500-0530	on	1530	4960	6045	9600		
	0700-0730	on	4960	11785	17800			
	1500-1530	on	11890	11905	13820			
	2030-2100	on	4940	6170	7230	9815	15185	Mon-Fri
Indonesian	0000-0030	on	9535	11805	13705			
	1130-1230	on	9700	9890	12010			
	1400-1500	on	7550	9945	Thu-Sat			

	2200-2400	on	7225	9535	11805		
Khmer	1330-1430	on	1575	5955	11540		
	2200-2230	on	1575	6060	9320	15340	
Kinyarwanda	0330-0430	on	6100	7340	11905		
and Kirundi	1600-1630	on	11695	12015	15730	Sat	
Korean	1200-1300	on	1188	5890	7225	9490	
	1300-1500	on	1188	5890	7225	11935	
	1900-2100	on	648	5870	6060	7365	
Kurdish	0500-0600	on	11875	15130	17750		
	1400-1500	on	1593	11645	15130	17750	
	1700-1800	on	11645	15130	17750		
	2000-2100	on	1593				
Laotian	1230-1300	on	1575	9810	11930		
Ndebele	1800-1830	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Mon-Thu
	1820-1830	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Fri
	1740-1800	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Fri-Sun
Pashto	0030-0130	on	1296	7555	9335		
(Radio Ashna)	1430-1530	on	1296	9335	15090	15380	
	1630-1730	on	1296	9335	11565	11580	
	1830-1930	on	1296	7555	7595		
Pashto(Deewa)	0100-0400	on	621	9390	11535	12015	
	1300-1400	on	621	7495	9310	9380	9700
	1400-1900	on	621	7495	9310	9380	9780
Persian	0130-0230	on	5970	6040	6105		
	1530-1600	on	1593	7295	9390	11780	
	1600-1630	on	1593	7295	9840	11780	
	1630-1730	on	1593	6040	9840	11780	
	1730-1800	on	1593	6040	7455	9840	
	1800-1830	on	648	1593	5860	6040	7455
	1830-1900	on	648	5860	6040	7455	
	1900-1930	on	5860	6040	7455		
Portuguese	1000-1030	on	17740	21590	Sat/Sun		
to Africa	1700-1800	on	1530	9800	12080	15740	
	1800-1830	on	1530	9800	12080	15740	Mon-Fri
Shona	1700-1730	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Mon-Thu
	1800-1810	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Fri
	1700-1720	on	909	4930	11605	15775	Fri-Sun
Somali	0330-0400	on	5945	11665	15460		
	1300-1400	on	13580	15440			
	1600-1630	on	1431	11665	15445		
	1630-1700	on	11665	15445			
	1700-1800	on	11665	15545			
Spanish	0000-0100	on	5890	9885	11625	Tue-Sat [joint R. MartÌ]	
	1130-1200	on	9885	13715	15590	Mon-Fri	
	1200-1300	on	9885	13715	15590		
	2300-0000	on	5890	9885	11625		
Swahili	0300-0330	on	6055	7380	9440	Mon-Fri	
	1630-1730	on	9815	15365	15730		

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Tibetan       0000-0100 on  7250  9480  9855
              0300-0600 on 15265 15490 17735
              1400-1500 on  7465 11510 11975+NF 15425 Mon/Wed/Fri, ex
                           15330
              1400-1500 on  7465 11510 11975+NF 15605 Tu/Th/Sa/Su, ex
                           15330
              1600-1700 on  7330  7565  9565
Tigrigna      1900-1930 on 11905 11925 12140 13630 13870 Mon-Fri
Turkish       0330-0400 on  7265 Mon-Fri
Urdu          0100-0200 on   972  1539  7460 11975
(AapKiDunyaa) 1400-1500 on   972  1539 11860 15725
              1500-0100 on   972  1539
Uzbek         1500-1530 on   801  9670 11780 13755 15185
Vietnamese    1300-1330 on  1575  5955  9720
              1500-1600 on  1170  5955  7565  9355
              2230-2330 on  6060 15340
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 09 August via DXLD)
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** U S A. VOA HAUSA SERVICE PLANNING SPECIAL RAMADAN PROGRAMS
   Holy month expected to begin Wednesday

Washington, D.C., August 10, 2010 - As millions of Muslims await the start of the holy month of Ramadan, VOA's Hausa Service will be among the first in Nigeria to broadcast the official announcement of the start of the annual fasting and prayer season.

The holy month of Ramadan begins in Nigeria when the Sultan of Sokoto, Mohammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, who leads the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, confirms reports that the new crescent moon has been sighted, an event expected Wednesday but perhaps as late as Thursday.

Muslims from around the country have been urged to call the palace when they see the new moon. A committee of experts will evaluate the reports.

A Hausa Service reporter will be in the Sultan's palace for the announcement, and is expected to speak with a member of the Moon Sighting Committee, as well as get reaction from people gathered at the palace for the event.

VOA's Hausa Service has four daily broadcasts and a weekly audience estimated at approximately 21 million listeners in the region on shortwave and AM with a website that features live and on-demand audio broadcasts. The Hausa program line-up includes integrated newscasts, discussion shows, diverse stringer reports, interviews, feature programs, and special reports covering a wide variety of issues.

Visit the Hausa Service website, http://www1.voanews.com/hausa/news/

for a Ramadan timetable that will include the timing of breakfast and when Muslims are expected to cease eating, drinking and sex.

In addition, the Service will be running a series of special programs all month, including a call-in show that will allow listeners share their Ramadan preparations (VOA press release Aug 10 via DXLD)

VOA vs Great Firewall: see CHINA; spurs via SOUTH AFRICA: UNID 5811++

** U S A [and non]. Glenn, Interested by your comments (in DXLD 10-31 and on WOR 1524) on Matthew LaVoie on VOA. I come across him quite often in both French and English. He has a distinctive intonation. For example, at 1900 on Saturday 07/08/2010 on VOA he presented a 30 minute jazz show, followed (after 5 minutes of news) with a reggae show at 1935. Listening on 1530 MW (S„o TomÈ) programming goes straight into VOA Music Mix in English at 2000 with Matthew LaVoie's "Music Time in Africa" show which runs from 2000 to 2100 every Saturday and Sunday. 1530 always provides a strong signal hear in Nigeria in the evenings, though sometimes Vatican Radio can still be heard underneath. Best wishes (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Aug 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. I usually try to listen to World of Radio via WWCR 15825 on Fridays at 2030. However, IRRS on 7290 Saturdays at 1800 is currently also providing a useable signal. Best wishes (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Aug 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New PODCAST link for WOR from the end of March is:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/podcast/09:00:00UTC/English/541
Best regards, (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since the summer timing is 0800 UT, I assumed the link would also change the 9 to an 8, and thought I had confirmed that early on. But now it seems it is still as above (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Glenn, What happened with DXING with Cucumbers? Is it still on the air because it is not on their site (Artie Bigley, August 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is this what you refer to? Latest `new show` listed was for 15 May 2010. Has DXing with Cumbre disappeared with a whimper, gone almost 3 months already?
http://cdxpodcast.ralabs.com/archives/category/new-show

DXing with Cumbre had not been reported on SW for many months, despite still appearing on the WHR program schedule search at
http://www.whr.org/Program-Schedules.cfm#DETAILED_SCHEDULE_SEARCH

If you enter Marie Lamb as program host, you get 22 scheduled airings per week [or 17 if 5 of them are duplicates], but upon many chex, those SW frequencies have not really been on the air.

But is WHR at least webcasting DWC at these times? We need to invoke some Angels this weekend. Two current WHR scheduled times on Saturday we could check are:
1600 on 17520 Angel 5
1830 on 11785 Angel 6

This independent archive of DX programs http://www.rfprograms.com/ has no DWC since last August. At that time per
http://cdxpodcast.ralabs.com/archives/category/announcement
Marie had been making excuses about once a month for not producing a program. On the program website, the latest `new show` listed was for 15 May 2010. Has DXing with Cumbre disappeared, gone almost 3 months already? http://cdxpodcast.ralabs.com/archives/category/new-show

So we monitored the Angel 5 webcast from before 1600 UT Sat Aug 7. At 1600, on came DWC! In the intro, Marie said it was #664, recorded Thursday, August 5, 2010. Mentioned is also on iTunes under hobby podcasts, and on WRN to Europe, no time given; have to look it up. Said she had not done a program last week, however, and wrapped it up at 1618, but theme played on and on until 1620, only 20 minutes instead of 30; then Rhapsody in Blue filling out the semihour! Quite lo-fi on the music. After the usual opening plugs for Cumbre and sponsor, Chris Lobdell was on from 1605 and still until 1618 or so with his pirate report(s). Meanwhile around 1610 we also checked 17520, and to our amazement, it was really on the air with DWC. So now we have one time to add to the SW DX program listings. However, next one per WHR schedule was absent, no signal on 11785 at 1830.

Unfortunately, WWCR has moved the 12160 airing of WORLD OF RADIO to the very same time on Saturdays, 1600 instead of 1630, as also confirmed Aug 7 by monitoring and webcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRN has been carrying DWC on one transmission, to Europe, and it is still on the schedule for Sundays at 1500 UT:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/assets/PDFs/
WRN_English_Europe_Summer_2010_June_Update.pdf
Can anyone hear it then? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This Sunday at 1500z (unfortunately) I will not be at home, so please anyone with internet access, if you have time, please check the WRN ENGLISH TO EUROPE webstream then:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/player/loadNetwork/30/MP4_32/0/autostart
Best regards, (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It was aired at 16.00 UK / 15 UT. This schedule is current for WRN Europe and the Cumbre podcasts page and i-tunes feed have not been updated since mid May. WRN Europe Sky channel 0122. Dxing with Cumbre is alive and well (Gary Drew, S Herts, England, ibid.)

** U S A. 9370, WTJC, Morehead City, 2131-2133 July 10 with hymns, huge 90 dB signal and outstanding audio.

9350, WWCR, Nashville, 2125-2128 July 10 with Fibber McGee & Molly, 80 dB signal, excellent (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U S A. WINB 9265 at 0131 on 9 August with screaming preacher. Glenn, you should try to get on this station. Notable only because I don't hear this station often. 73/ (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Believe it or not, I was on WINB for a while (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. Checking WTWW 24 hours after the frequency-change trouble: both channels missing, not on 5755 or 9479, Aug 8 at 0458. Guess they were still working on it. But back as normal on 9479 around 1315 with PPPP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See UNIDENTIFIED 9479

Not to be outdone by 6090 ANGUILLA [q.v.], WTWW 5755 also broadcasting unmodulated carrier, Aug 12 at 0633 instead of PPPP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 10-31: ``9385, Brother Scare on WWRB, Aug 4 at 1352 with terrible irregular pulsing spreading 9380-9390, varying slightly in intensity. Not like Cuban jamming. I think it is a severe malfunxion of the WWRB transmitter. Not BS` fault, as his feed to WINB on 9265 was clear. 9385 even worse at 1458 check. Hey Dave, sounds like your transmitter is about to blow up! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Greetings: We found the problem: The TACAN transmitter (our aircraft VORTAC) and our Runway 28 LOCALIZER 109.5 MHz was causing RFI in transmitter #3, 9385. The #3 exciter shield had corrosion on the contact points. Cleaned the shield and the RFI was gone. That was a strange problem as the VORTAC is located 800 feet away and the Runway 28 LOCALIZER is 600 feet away from the 9385 transmitter??? Thank you (Dave Frantz, WWRB, Aug 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370-9410, WWRB BS from 9385, Aug 12 at 1422, extending to this range with frying sound, impeding WTJC 9370 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, WRMI, Sunday Aug 8 at 0503, no jamming and good signal making me wonder if the NW antenna is finally back in service, but unlikely, especially since it`s the Brazilian program Encontro DX, at the moment quoting Adalberto Marques de Azevedo reminding us to remove batteries from devices not in use or being transported. WYFR inbooming even more on 31m, so it was just a temporary pipeline de SFL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7415, WBCQ on much later than usual, UT Sunday Aug 8 at 0517, gospel huxter with southern accent, not that that is distinctive, and certainly not Brother Scare who occupies great gobs of earlier time on The Planet. But next check at 0523 it`s the Beach Boys, 0525 Rod Stewart; what a mix. O, it`s one of Ted Randall`s shows, 0530 outro as ``Outlaw Gospel Life``, with Ted and Dr. R.ó Michael conversing, apparently about to wrap up, and at next check 0538, 7415 was off.

This ``Outlaw Gospel`` thing is certainly low profile. Can`t find anything significant by Googling. Apparently it`s a subset of Ted`s QSO show, which is scheduled on 7415 WBCQ UT Sundays 0000-0300, extended much later than that tonight. I reported it previously this year:

``7415, WBCQ, UT Sunday May 9 at 0039, Ted Randall with ``Outlaw Gospel`` show plugging prayforme.com. VG signal, no CCI audible. The current WBCQ schedule claims it`s QSO with Ted Randall, Sat 18-20 and UT Sun 00-03; and still shows QSO Tue 21-23, plus his Radio Disclosure Wed & Thu 21-23.``

Now the prayforme.com website, hosted in Santa Fe, Argentina, of all places, has been suspended. And can find nothing about Outlaw Gospel at http://www.tedrandall.com (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Outlaw Gospel is a radio program that runs on WBCQ and I assist the fellow putting it together to get Allan some extra air time. It`s prayforme.us (Ted Randall, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As implied, website is about prayer-partners, but I don`t see anything about broadcasts, outlaws, or even the name of the preacher. As if God were tallying up the number of people praying on a certain issue before deciding whether to grant their wishful thinking (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WJHR, 15550-USB, Aug 8 at 1538, pseudo-scientific talk about the sun shrinking, questioning age of the Solar System. Does not sound like the usual fire-and-brimstone preacher, so programming is being diversified? Whoopee. Sufficient signal (Glenn Hasuer, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WYFR the 13m OSOB, Aug 7 at 1836: 21485 German, 21525 French, better 21670 Spanish; not especially strong, but interesting that at the moment, English on the 13 MHz band were weaker, 13615 and 13690 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ìSCITUATEíS RADIO STATION HELPED SAVE THE WORLDî

The Patriot Ledger newspaper has published an article about WRUL, which later became WNYW, in Scituate, Massachusetts, and its role in wartime broadcasting. The writer, Jim OíKeefe, lived two miles from the transmitter site. He concludes: ìToday there is nary a marker or relic to identify the magnitude of all that happened at WRUL ñ only the memories of those who tuned it in.î

* Read the article
http://www.patriotledger.com/features/x1799252659/Scituate-s-radio-station-helped-save-the-world
(August 8th, 2010 - 11:29 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) (also via Ed Mayberry, TX, DXLD; Mike Barraclough, dxldyg)

This article says that WRUL was carrying Voice of America in 1951, and even Armed Forces Radio. While that was before my time, wasn`t WRUL back to private broadcasting shortly after WW II? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1953 WRTH shows WRUL still in the VOA lineup. 1954 WRTH shows private programming. df (Dan Ferguson, SC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
With timelag in publishing a yearly, more like 1952 and 1953. But that is contradicted below: (gh)

Here is one from 1948 -- the station had survived efforts by the US government to keep it off the air, and now it was back to doing what it did best -- stressing the universality of radio. WRUL was proud of the listeners it had in so many countries, and sometimes would assemble displays to take to schools. This is one of them, featuring two unidentified staff members (Courtesy of the Boston Public Library, Prints Department via Donna Halper via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Life Magazine December 15, 1941 story with photos of WRUL:
http://tinyurl.com/26v4p6g It`s kind of interesting. Have Fun, (Kevin Redding, Adamsville, TN, ibid.)

No doubt put together before Dec 7; and in a few months, WRUL and all other private SW would be taken over by USG for VOA use. Link has the entire issue; some radio set ads later (gh, DXLD)

I remember the station well when I started shortwave listening in the

60s. They had spots, ABC news Paul Harvey and dance band concerts from the heart of New York. Truly amazing listening for a young school kid on this side of the pond. (Barry :-) Davies, UK, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. GREAT BRITAIN: 9830, Family Radio; 1938-1951+, 4-Aug; Harold droning on Open Forum taking calls; Harold sez that the Earth is 25,000 years old and that since all animals were created at the same time, dinosaurs and man walked together. The dinosaurs were wiped out 7000 years ago in the flood. After the flood, the ocean basins deepened to accommodate the water and restore the land. Caller seemed to accept it all.

Tough copy at SIO=3+22 w/ute clatter & rat-a-tat bursts. This is a relatively recent addition to the World According to Harold. // 13615 & 13690 via WYFR Okeechobee FL, USA both at S10. 9830 was about 1 second ahead of these. No one gave him a hard time about next May's rapture. Ah well, I'll wait and try again (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

** U S A [non]. WYFR Family Radio started broadcast in new language-Bulgarian
1800-1900 7560 ERV 300 kW / 280 deg to SEEu in Bulgarian, ex English
1700-1800 7560 ERV 300 kW / 280 deg to SEEu in English, ex 1700-1900
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 09 August via DXLD) ERV = ARMENIA site

** U S A [non]. Is it just me or would others also rather listen to Soviet propaganda than religious preaching on the radio? Majority of the religious preaching is blatantly stupid. At least propaganda might be believed. Radio preachers need to listen to themselves (at least for a good laugh). I'd even rather listen to Radio Berlin International.

[later:] I am a bigot --- I enjoy interesting, informative, engaging programming on the radio. There, I've said it. I feel much better now. LOL. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Aug 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) This led to a very long meandering thread of mostly brief comments and reminiscences, which could be followed in the yg (gh)

** U S A. I was visiting Wichita KS Aug 5-6, a respite from radio, altho I went to a concert co-sponsored by KMUW; but on the way back made some obs in the car:

1390, at 2342 UT Aug 6, KCRC Enid had considerable CCI from Spanish music. Position: just N of South Haven barely inside KS. Skywave was already kicking in. NRC AM Log 2009 indicates the only Spanish match in neighboring states to OK, indeed anywhere in mid-America, is KDQN in De Queen AR, which is near the SW corner of that state. NRC Pattern

Book shows it non-direxional unlike KCRC which aims WNW. Not a chance of hearing KDQN dentro-Enid, of course.

1500, nostalgia music, no doubt KJIM from N Texas, Aug 6 before 0000 UT, and when rechecked at 0006 had robotic weather from NWS, but no definite locations caught. Briefly wondered if there were a HAR/TIS on this frequency, but soon back to nostalgia; and at 0012, ``AM 1500, KJIM, The Memory Maker``, dominating frequency, Pawhuska no problem. Listened to it for some time, but at 0100 recheck ``The new ESPN 1500, KSTP`` was taking over. I thought KJIM, a 1 kW direxional daytimer, might have just signed off, but FCC shows 0115 UT as the official LSS for Sherman TX in August.

1560, ``The Game``, very dominant at 0054 Aug 7, with Houston weather promo, 0056 ID as KGOW, 1560 AM, Bellaire TX. Totally over KOCY OKC. At 0100 much weaker with CCI, as it had just cut from 50 kW day power toward the NNE, to 15 kW night power toward the SSE.

1580, KOKB Blackwell OK, we were even closer to than in Enid, enjoying its nice uncluttered open carrier, Aug 6 at 2345, tho with volume upturned could also hear skywavers underneath it; getting all set for another Saturday morning 13-14 UT Spanish fiesta: see UNIDENTIFIED.

1610 kHz: KTA (Kansas Turnpike Authority) has several useful HAR transmitters along the route. A robotic YL voice gives weather info from Kansas City to Topeka to Wichita, but it`s jerky with inhuman intonation and pauses; some other segments are voiced by real people, like please do not run over highway workers and incur a double fine. Could not hear anything on 530 from KTA as I have further into OK, but the T-storm noise was worst at the low end of the band.

1660, Aug 6 at 2351 sportstalk about baseball, while earlier in the hour, prime format classical music was in from KXTR Kansas City KS. We know this station often pre-empts cl for SBG, so presumably that`s it, sure to dominate in Kansas. But wait --- they are talking about Fargo-Morehead [sic: see below], and Winnipeg, so must be KQWB, quite a nice signal overriding KC. But wait again! Discussion soon turns to talk of Kansas City team, KXTR ID in passing, and referencing http://www.tbonesbaseball.com/ where we find:

``The Kansas City T-Bones have partnered with Entercom for the 2010 season to bring you all 100 regular-season T-Bones games! T-Bones game broadcasts will be featured on KXTR 1660 AM, with select games on 610 Sports Radio KCSP. Join the "Voice of the T-Bones" Brian Bruce for all the action.``

Anyhow, a nice lesson in not jumping to ID conclusions. I suppose a sense of humor is to be commended, but being named for a cut of steak

might not appeal to all players. Still, the beefier, the better, tnx to steroids. KC is of course famous for meat packing, but hardly the capital of such, vs Chicago, Omaha, Amarillo, etc.

Strangely, the listen live link from streamtheworld.com when checked 22 hours later, altho visibly active, was really silent, and displayed the strange call KUDLIO.

1680, ``Old School 1680 AM, KRJO`` quite a good dominant signal as late as 0050 UT Aug 7 as we were passing thru Medford OK. Aug sunset in Monroe LA is officially 0100, so it was getting the max out of 10 kW day power (Glenn Hauser, KS and OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, [re 1660 above] I think this is Moorhead (not Morehead) MN, of concern to those who log xmtr sites (I do not) and who lose a valuable ND logging for a mundane MN log instead, in this case, if they do. I bet not many will catch this bit of minutiae.

And of course the best reason not to do so, is that there is lack of consistency because you cannot possibly log every such site correctly due to the lack of proper site info. But that won't stop many from logging WABC-770 as NJ ... (and now we learn that the fallen WWVA 1170 towers are in Ohio ...scratch WV)

Respite from radio, eh? I took a respite from DXing decades ago. If you read the Kaskey loggings from 1950 you can see what regular BC DX was like. I started in 1957 and remember many such loggings, never to be done again.

One more note. I have QSL's from 48 states, hrd from NJ/NY and the missing ones are AK and ... (drumroll) ND (though I did hear KFNW 1200 on SS skip in about 1988 from Long Island, once) and I wonder if that would count for MN as well, but I really have no clue as to where their xr really is. And I am not going to take the time to try and find out. So that is why I know as much as I do of "moorhead MN".

Thanks for the effort you do in compiling loggings. Take care and 73 (Bob Foxworth, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) The one in KY is Morehead (gh)

** U S A. 1280, KSOK, Arkansas City KS, semilocal missing in caradio bandscan Aug 10 at 2040 UT, audiblizing a weak C&W music station which it ordinarily totally covers. Unfortunately the storm noise level was high and growing; 2059 announcement could not copy any ID, but 2100 back to C&W instead of news; 2105 another announcement and more music. Checking the NRC AM Log 2009, the next closest stations on 1280 are:

KNBY Newport AR, and KDKD Clinton MO, but neither format matches, talk and oldies respectively. Much further and not likely to make it by GW

at all is a C&W station, KCNI in Broken Bow NE --- all 1 kW non-direxional. Then there`s 5 kW in Denver KBNO, but it`s Spanish and highly direxional away. Perhaps something closer will click with updated format info. KSOK back on air at next check Aug 11 at 1638.

630, Aug 10 at 2050, tnx to IBOC off WWLS-640 for a change, could make out weak signal here, but again too much storm noise. Prime suspect is KHOW Denver, which is closest and with a lobe in our direxion; plus Denver 670 is audible any day, noise level permitting (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWVA OFF!
http://www.radio-info.com/news/wheeling-wvs-50000-watt-wwva-1170-is-off-the-air-after-heavy-storms

Video of WWVA Towers:
http://wtrfabcov.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=83934
(via Artie Bigley, Aug 5, DXLD)

All three of WWVA-AM radio towers collapsed in high winds on Wednesday. Full story at
http://www.wtrf.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=83934

WWVA is an AM radio station that broadcasts on a frequency of 1170 kHz with studios in Wheeling, West Virginia, USA, and towers formerly located in St. Clairsville, Ohio, before they were destroyed in an August 2010 storm. The station is currently off air due to the damage.

When on the air, it is a class A 50,000 watt clear-channel station, sharing the frequency with KFAQ (formerly KVOO) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. WWVA can be heard in most of the eastern two-thirds of the United States at night, as well as most of Canada. The station is currently owned by Clear Channel Communications and uses the on-air nickname "The Big One" (borrowed from sister stations WLW and WTAM).
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WWVA_(AM)
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Nonsense, WWVA could not be heard in the eastern two-thirds of the US, as KFAQ dominates from Tulsa westward, which is less than halfway across the US from the east. Furthermore the NRC pattern book and FCC show WWVA with a total null toward Tulsa, signal only to the east of Wheeling.

Looks like the towers were ``self-supporting``, not guyed. Note, they were NOT in West Virginia at all, but well over the river and the border into Ohio:
http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=40.10194,+-80.86722+%28WWVA-AM%29&om=1
Furthermore its callsign is WWVA, NOT ``WWVA-AM``. NO US AM stations

have -AM suffix in their calls (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here`s more about this:

BREAKING NEWS: WWVA AM 1170 Wheeling, West Virginia Towers collapse

During the severe weather outbreak Wednesday afternoon, August 4th, around 4 pm, the 3 towers used to broadcast the signal for news radio 1170-WWVA, were literally knocked over by the strong winds and are on the ground. The 1170 signal is currently off the air, but for the time being all the programming normally broadcast on WWVA can be heard on AM 1400 WBBD. Our engineering crews are on site now working to get some temporary towers in place as soon as possible. Hopefully the 1170 signal will be back on the air sometime this afternoon (August 5). Check http://www.wwva.com and stay tuned to am 1400 for the latest updates. Click here to see the [56] photos.
http://www.wwva.com/cc-common/gallery/display.html?album_id=244870
(Aug CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

WWVA TOWER VIDEO TOUR http://www.wegw.com/pages/tyson.html
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Glenn, The morning show on WWVA says a team of CC's greatest engineers is heading out to WWVA tower site to get it back on the air including the C.E. from CC Columbus. Click here to hear the Podcast:
http://www.wwva.com/mediaplayer/?station=WWVA-AM&action=ondemand&item=117271129&feed_name=BLOOMDADDY.xml
of Thursday morning show where they discuss this...
(Artie Bigley, DXLD)

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http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=40.10194,+-80.86722+%28WWVA-AM%29&om=1

It's hard to tell...but these look like self-supporters? (Mark Durenberger, NRC-AM via DXLD)

They were, and big ones at that. They were old, and unusual in appearance: square constant cross-section bases with tapered tops.
s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

Update:

http://www.wwva.com/cc-common/mainheadlines2.html?feed=119921&article=7439986
(via Artie Bigley, OH, Aug 6, DXLD)

Sounds like a rare chance to monitor 1170 without WWVA this night if

you are in the eastern US/Canada (Sergei S., Russia, dxldyg via DXLD)

There's no IBOC on WHAM [1180 Rochester NY] tonight --- and yes, that may indeed have something to do with WWVA operating on reduced facilities and both stations' common owner attempting to give WWVA as clean a shot as possible to reach out with reduced power.

At least as of this afternoon, those "reduced facilities" at WWVA consisted of the stub of one of the towers and some guy wire strung between that tower and the stub of another tower (with an insulator at the far end, of course.)

Sort of an inverted-L configuration, being fed with 5 kW.

And as a follow-up, that means I can actually hear WWVA. "Severe Weather Team 9 forecast" from WTOV coming out of Fox News at 2205, clear call ID, and into syndie talk.

While trying to pull 1170 out of the muck, I also had some nice mix on 1160 between WYLL-IL (with SRN news and legal ID at 2200) and WCCS-PA (Pirates baseball with a legal ID at 2202).

Now if I could just find some way to talk WHAM into keeping the danged thing turned off... :)

Make that "into gospel music." It's getting stronger. I wonder if they've cranked it up past 5 kW?

The plan, incidentally, appears to be to get one of the three towers cleared away completely so that a temporary guyed tower can be erected at one end of the site. They'll operate off that at something like 12 kW ND while they clear the rest of the debris and rebuild two of the towers for real; then shift to one of the new towers and rebuild the third. s (Scott Fybush, Rochester NY, Aug 6, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Massive IBOC on both sides making it tough to hear much of anything on 1170. With multiple sources of IBOC, phasing is difficult, but Spanish music pokes through occasionally. And as I type this, WWVA comes back on at 2229 ELT, into regular programming, many IDs, "Voice of Prophecy" at 2230. Bothered by IBOC, and surely not at 100% power -- usually a blowtorch here, 175 miles east of the transmitter site (David Yocis, Shannondale, WV, 2232 UT Aug 6, NRC-AM via DXLD)

If this is true, and I don't know how one could confirm that they did this with the intent to help WWVA, would not this be an omission that they know IBOC does interfere with coverage? Just speculating.

Now the twist to this is; they will do it for stations that they own,

but history has shown that stations not owned by them get a different treatment (Fred Vobbe, OH, Aug 7, ibid.)

WWVA heard on 1170 kHz August 7, 2010 0205 UT with positive ID and c&w music. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas (BPL free zone of America), USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also checked 1170 Friday night [UT Aug 7] and WWVA was ***stronger than they normally are here in Indianapolis.*** Makes sense - I'm seeing now that WWVA never sent much at all of the 50 Kw signal due West, before the collapse.
http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/308625-10323.pdf

Davenport was WAY under WWVA. I guess that collapse has bombed 1170 here, instead of the other way, around. Glad no one got hurt. 73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, Aug 9, IRCA via DXLD)

This is a link to the FCC site which shows the application for the STA of WWVA. Exhibit 16 describes the type of temporary antenna they are putting up and the reduced power level for the station.

https://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/cdbsmenu.hts?context=25&appn=101394966&formid=911&fac_num=44046
(Bob Smoak, Bamberg, S. C., Aug 9, ABDX via DXLD) Viz.:

Exhibit 16 --- Description: EX 16

CAPSTAR TX LLC SEEKS SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE STATION WWVA WITH A LONG WIRE ANTENNA IN A NON-DIRECTIONAL MANNER WITH POWER REDUCED TO NOT EXCEED 12.5 KW, BOTH DAY AND NIGHT, DUE TO VERY SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO ALL 3 OF THE SELF SUPPORTING TOWERS UTILIZED AS ELEMENTS IN THE WWVA ANTENNA ARRAY.

AN EXTREME WIND EVENT IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 4, 2010 RESULTED IN EACH TOWER BEING DAMAGED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ONLY 40 TO 50 FEET OF EACH SELF SUPPORTING TOWER WAS LEFT STANDING.

WWVA HAS REMOVED THE DAMAGED SECTION OF TOWER, LEAVING STUBS OF EACH TOWER IN PLACE. FROM THE TOP OF THE EASTERN MOST TOWER IN THE ARRAY, A LONG WIRE HAS BEEN ATTACHED AND BONDED TO THIS TOWER AT THE HIGHEST ACCESSIBLE POINT. THIS WIRE EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY 125 FEET IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO AN APPROPRIATE INSULATING ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS ITSELF SUSPENDED BY A REMAINING STUB TOWER, AT APPROXIMATELY 40 FOOT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST WILL BE SERVED BY THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF WWVA AS THE LICENSEE MAKES THE NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE ARRAY (via gh, also Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Of course, this means no more tight null toward Tulsa, but is there any significant direxionality with this setup? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO CHECKUP: RADIO STATIONS ADJUST TO NEW TECHNOLOGY, COMPETITION - Living - ReviewJournal.com

Days of a single Top 40 AM radio station dominating a city's airwaves are gone. In the '60s and '70s, top stations could be heard from one end of the block to the other, one end of the desert to the other and one end of our world to the other. But station proliferation and format fragmentation long ago wiped out such dominance. . .
http://www.lvrj.com/living/radio-stations-adjust-to-new-technology--competition-100213479.html?ref=479
(via Kevin Redding, TN, Aug 8, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. KABF 88.3 LITTLE ROCK AR FACING AUDIT, AND UNCERTAIN FUTURE

I saw this post on the Arkansas Times Blog (operated by Little Rock AR alt-weekly, the Arkansas Times) about community radio station KABF 88.3 facing a likely audit by the Corporation For Public Broadcasting because of the station's long association by ACORN.
http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2010/08/03/kabf-in-peril#readerComments
(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Aug 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MET OPERA ON VERGE OF FUNDING WINDFALL
By ERICA ORDEN Associated Press

The Metropolitan Opera could find itself the unexpected beneficiary of a multimillion-dollar gift under the unusual terms of a Washington, D.C., heiress's donation, according to several people familiar with the matter.

Betty Brown Casey's donations to the Washington National Opera's endowment came with a stipulation: Should that company fail to remain independent, the funds would be rescindedóand transferred to the Met.

That day could be on the horizon: The National Opera is in merger talks with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Wall Street Journal reported last week.

According to a person familiar with the matter, donations made by Mrs. Casey, the National Opera's life chairman, constitute between one-half and two-thirds of the National Opera's total endowment, which was $30.5 million at the end of its 2009 fiscal year. That would make the amount of the Met's potential windfall between $15 million and $20

million. . .
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703988304575413731522170468.html?mod=ITP_newyork_0
(via Mike Cooper, dXLD)

** U S A. WUSF buys Sarasota station
   HERALD STAFF REPORT Business
   Published: Wednesday, Aug. 04, 2010 Comments (8)

TAMPA ó WUSF Public Media has purchased the radio license of WSMR 89.1 in Sarasota and beginning Sept. 15, WSMR will broadcast an all-classical format and WUSF 89.7 will change to all news and information with jazz overnight.

The HD radio channel, WUSF 89.72 [sic] will simulcast the classical programming on WSMR 89.1.

ìThis purchase of WSMR and the format changes on both WUSF 89.7 and WSMR 89.1 will allow WUSF Public Media to significantly increase public media services for the people of west central Florida,î said JoAnn Urofsky, general manager of WUSF Public Media. ìWe will be able to provide more programming options for our listeners and attract new listeners.î

The broadcast area of WSMR will cover all of Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Desoto and Hardee counties. Parts of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk and Lee counties. The purchase of the station will potentially reach an additional 500,000 listeners in the southern portion of WUSF 89.7ís broadcast area.

WUSF Public Media is also working on projects to extend the reach of the existing WSMR 89.1 signal to include the audience in northern Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties. The classical music on WSMR 89.1 will be available to a worldwide listening audience online at http://www.wusf.org and on the HD radio signal WUSF 89.72, and on the WUSF mobile phone application.

Read more:
http://www.bradenton.com/2010/08/04/2482281/wusf-buys-sarasota-station.html#ixzz0vjp6dPUb
(via Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, DXLD)

Also:
http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100805/ARTICLE/8051068/2288/BUSINESS?Title=WUSF-buys-Christian-station-changes-programming
(via Eric FlodÈn, BC, dxldyg via DXLD)

This is a very unhappy thing for a lot of people in Tampa. The primary

University of South Florida channel in Tampa, WUSF-FM 89.7, has carried the classical music since the 1970s or earlier. Moving the classical music south to the Sarasota station, 89.1, will deny that format to the majority of Tampa's population, which is actually outside the city limits on the north side of Tampa and extends up into the next county.

WUSF Tampa 89.7 will also carry the classical music on their HD2 channel, but few people own HD radios and reportedly the HD2 channel has a typical weak signal. This means that most of Tampa's listening population will no longer be able to receive the classical music format except over internet streaming.

The real question is why Tampa needs another news and information station, when the AM dial is packed with them (Dick W., ABDX via DXLD)

I remember it from the old WAYG days. I was excited about a new WAY-FM outlet, but it was low enough power that it really didn't make it into Daytona Beach at all. I had better luck with WAYF 88.7 even further down the coast in Ft. Myers. Sarasota is well covered with the bland AC variety of CCM, I really felt bad for younger fans of creative, upbeat Christian music when WAYG went under. I can feel for the classical fans in Tampa / St. Pete. There is no way 89.1 can put a city grade signal in there. In car radios, it is going to be acceptable - WAYG was originally an attempt to put WAY-FM's signal into Tampa because the 88.7 frequency was drowned out by a local 88.5 in Tampa. From what I remember, though, 88.5 carried some classical music. I guess things have changed in the 10 years since I left the area (Bruce Carter, ibid.)

WSMR was a regular visitor to Delaware when Es was open. It's not like there will be a dearth of CCM (Christian Contemporary Music) stations in the Tampa area even with the format switch. Christian stations are as thick as fleas in that part of the country (Rev. John Cereghin, ibid.)

Looks like WJIS and its St. Pete translator is the only one, and it would be playing some pretty boring stuff. If I were in Tampa Bay or Sarasota, I'd be pointing a large yagi South for WAY-FM. That would also work for the classical station on 89.1. Or I'd point a large yagi at Orlando for WPOZ, and hope I could get their HD-2 or HD-3.

For too long, Christian formats get lumped together. They are as differentiated as secular with some unique formats that wouldn't have secular counterparts like Southern gospel vs. country gospel vs. black gospel. Most Christian stations do not program to young people, which is curious to me because that is the MOST coveted and profitable demographic in the secular arena. Most young people are completely

unaware that Christian music exists for their musical tastes - they think of Christian stations being as useless as I used to think of "beautiful music" FM stations were when I was a kid. Therefore they never listen to Christian radio, Christian kids listen to secular instead. Using that analogy, Christian radio is about 40 to 50 years behind the curve of secular in being an effective tool to reach people.

I remember as a 14 year old calling up my local "beautiful music" FM in Midland - KNFM - and asking them if I could do a rock show at night. They were surprisingly open to the idea, but I lost my nerve. I wish I had done it, because I would have been on the leading edge of the conversion of top-40 from AM to FM, and probably made a mint for myself and KNFM. All we had on AM was heavily censored top-40, with half the kids being seasoned nighttime AM DX'ers listening to KOMA and WLS for uncensored top-40. Christian kids today are much less technically minded to do FM DX - especially with streaming available. I don't know how many kids here in Houston I have introduced to the WPOZ iPhone application - word of mouth is spreading FAST. Still, there was quite a demand in Daytona Beach and later in Melbourne / Palm Bay for FM DX setups for WCIE in Lakeland, then when it went under for the WAY-FMs. The local electronics shop sold out of FM-10 antennas as soon as they got them in. But some of that demand was driven by fans of "The Power Pig" 93.3 in Tampa (definitely NOT Christian), which had a large following in Daytona Beach. There is still a tribute web site to it (Bruce Carter, ibid.)

It's been our experience at WXXI in Rochester that if there's a format that's only available to listeners over an HD2 channel, and if we make the radios readily available to listeners, people will listen. In our case, 24/7 classical is on our big 50 kW FM signal, WXXI-FM 91.5, while the NPR news and talk is on WXXI 1370, a 5 kW DA-N signal that misses much of the market's population after dark.

We began simulcasting 1370 on 91.5-HD2 about three years ago, and we offer HD radios (initially the RS Accurian and now the Insignia portable) at every pledge drive...and our listeners snap them up. If our HD is off the air for some reason, the phones start ringing.

It's all about content. Put content on an HD2 that's *only* available on an HD2, and if it's good enough content and if the radios are made available, listeners will seek it out. One of the keys here in the HD radio/public radio universe is that public stations, unlike the typical commercial station, already have direct relationships with our listeners: they're already giving us money and letting us know who they are, so it's relatively easy to get radios to them.

> The real question is why Tampa needs another news and information

> station, when the AM dial is packed with them.

There is very little overlap, in program content or audience, between the kind of talk that stations like WFLA are doing and the kind of news and information WUSF will be doing. I'd like to think there's room on the dial for both. s (Scott Fybush, speaking only for myself, not for WXXI), ibid.)

Our HD-2 carries NPR and other Public Radio talk, when the main channel has music, and vice versa. If our HD-2 ever goes off, we get calls. Lots of calls. We promote not just HD radio, but our content on HD-2. As it has been said many times before. It's all about content (Juan Gualda, Fort Pierce, FL, ibid.)

It sounds like the listeners who formerly would spend the extra money and put up with the extra hassle of setting up a DX system for FM have migrated to become a group of fanatics who will put up with HD radio and its quirks to get content. Some observations:

- while it may be true that is driving some HD radio sales, it takes about the same effort and hassle to set up satellite or streaming. So at the very best, HD-2 content is capturing a portion of the disenfranchised audience. The other groups are GONE as contributors, probably for good.

- This strategy might work for NPR listeners, classical and jazz fans who tend to have higher incomes - it definitely will NOT work for the overwhelming majority of people who are listeners to rock, country, talk, sports, Spanish language, and other formats that make up the majority of listening. Those folks were not DX'ers - lacking the money, time, or expertise required to set up DX FM equipment and antennas. They settle for whatever the local stations dish up and as along as the radio puts out sound, they are OK with it. I suspect this describes 90 to 95% of the people out there.

- HD is being touted locally by a local Christian FM station that intends to put content for kids on HD-2. A small percentage of those kids now stream content, most gave up on Christian radio a long time ago. Radio Disney is using HD-AM, which is even less likely to catch on with very young kids who are probably using toy or hand me down quality AM radios. The kids will not buy HD radios, nor will their parents buy them one, especially when the content is more readily available on the internet. So the business model for the Christian station and for Radio Disney is fundamentally flawed.

All this still leaves HD radio as a niche market that will only appeal to a small fan base of fanatics who want a special format only available on HD-2, and who have the money, time, and expertise to fool

around with the technology and get it working. I still don't see HD radio making huge inroads with the general public - and the combination of the recession, high cost of HD radios, low reliability of HD reception, and general poor quality of commercial HD-2 content are all working together to make HD radio a failure in the marketplace (Bruce Carter, ibid.)

I agree with Bruce. Other than hobbyists or some new car owners, I have never met anyone who has purchased an HD radio (or at least the subject never came up). I do much of my radio listening in the car. Purchasing a desktop HD radio wouldn't help me in the car. But I don't have any plans right now to buy an HD radio anyway. There are other things I'd rather spend my money on.

And that doesn't even take into account some of the poor reception problems I've heard about in the forums (Dick W., ibid.)

Our listeners up here at WXXI aren't "fanatics." They enjoy the content we put out over our news-talk signal, including the local content that they can't get via satellite radio. Ever since we debuted the news-talk format in 1984 over AM 1370, they've been telling us they'd like to be able to hear it after dark in some of the close-in suburbs that fall within the AM's nighttime directional nulls, which are deep and which fall over some of the areas that contain the most loyal public radio listeners in the market.

We have a number of alternate ways to serve them. Some listen via streaming audio, which we promote heavily. A few years ago we began simulcasting Morning Edition and All Things Considered on the University of Rochester's WRUR-FM 88.5, which reaches many of the null areas - but that's only a partial simulcast of the AM and it doesn't carry most of our evening lineup (including Marketplace and Fresh Air.)

Even with the HD2's limitations, it's still a very viable additional platform for our particular content and our particular situation. Our WXXI-FM transmitter is located right in the center of town, and most of the county gets a 70 dBu or better signal from the FM. There really aren't a lot of "quirks" associated with our HD2 reception. It's simply another platform for us to get content to our listeners, and a very economical one compared to the millions of dollars it would cost to buy another full-market FM signal or to make even a marginal improvement to the AM.

s (as always, speaking only for myself) (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

** U S A. Anybody know the transmitter location of Hot 97 Boston (87.7)? If not, the city they're transmitting from would be fine. I'm

guessing *someone*, especially on the South Shore, would know at least where it's strongest. I'm compiling a bandscan and have them strong on 87.7 and bleeding easily onto 87.9 as well. They gave a phone number the moment I landed on the frequency.

Still looking for the 87.7 Spanish talk pirate I heard from Vermont. Hartford/Springfield I assume, since Hot 97 is strong enough to rule over the entire Boston market (Chris Kadlec in Newburyport, Mass. (32 mi. n of Boston), WTFDA via DXLD)

Last time I found it, about 4 months ago, it was at 24 Mt. Ida Road in the Dorchester section of Boston. They may have moved since then, but it would most likely still be in Dorchester (Jeff Lehmann, currently in Portland, ME, Aug 6, ibid.)

You have me stumped on that one, Chris. There's no 87.7 pirate around here. The freq is empty in Springfield (I'm there most every day) and I don't think Jeff has heard anything either. And I seriously doubt Hartford unless it's a couple of watts, but I'll check (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

The only thing I get on 87.7 is scatter from CBMT 6 Montreal. If I do hear anything like that to the North I will pass it along (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P at 35Ft, ibid.)

** U S A. WPGF-LP 6 Audio Stunting

Very early this morning (1 AM Central) heard audio on 87.7 (ch 6 analog audio) coming from WPGF-LP 6 Memphis with a "stunting" loop indicating the format of "The Pig" was moving from 96.1 to 87.7.

Dr Flinn's "Pig" is some zombie. That format has been on various frequencies owned by Flinn BC (including AM1210) in Memphis for the past decade. There was even a short-lived version in Little Rock this past winter and spring on what is now KZTS 101.1 before the current format (Streetz 101.1) took over.

What makes this interesting is while the audio could be heard well on the Sangean (and even weakly on my 'skip' TV), the video was some sort of religious programming (Worship?). Yesterday morning, the WPGF-LP audio was TV audio.

I just wonder how long this incarnation of The Pig will hang around before it becomes sausage? (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR EM43aw, http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV Aug 6, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Pattern and power issues --- Here's an approach that I've considered, as your NRC-IRCA DX Test Coordinator - to call a station that seems outta whack, talk to the engineer really nicely, tell them what you're noticing. Be really friendly about it. If you sense the engineer is interested in what you have to say, and you're not being given the brush-off, consider using this as an opportunity to help the station and DXers who haven't logged the station.

We can supply all the test tones and morse code IDs they need. And for them maybe we can help the engineer by letting them know who's hearing them and where, and perhaps at what levels (i.e., by sending him recordings). In cases where we suspect things are awry, here's the recipe for a test: day pattern and power, followed by nightime equivalent, perhaps repeat as needed. Could do a half-and-half - one of each for an hour total (half-hour each segment) or break it down into quarters. Or perhaps - and I'm not a techie so I'm looking for input from any engineers on the list - let the engineer mix and match, perhaps day pattern with night power, or pre-sunrise authority power, etc. I'd be curious about any DXer / engineer feedback on this idea.

The bottom line in any potentially sensitive conversation like this is to be really nice about it, going out of your way to be helpful, and *behaving* under the assumption that they will want to solve the problem (even if you suspect or know deep down that this is naive).

If you prefer or think it necessary to confront or report, please do not say you're a DXer, and please do not mention DX tests or clubs or the hobby at all. If you must, and there are a few really flagrant cases out there, it's better to quietly alert stations being interfered with than to complain on your own (Saul Chernos, Ont., IRCA via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Checking for El Hugazo, Sunday Aug 8 at 1536, no signals on 12010, 13750 or 17750 via CUBA; nominal start time on rare occasions he shows up for ``Alo, Presidente``, is 1530.

11705, strong and steady open carrier, Aug 12 at 1337; surely Cuban transmitter relaying RNV failed to turn off at 1300. Still at 1351, with trace of an understation, no doubt NHK Indonesian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. Presumed Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D. noted 2244 to past 2303 on 6297.1 August 7, not heard here for some weeks, good signal here with continuous African music, SINPO 44433 and good modulation (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE, 700, Polisario Front, Rabouni (near Tindouf), ALGERIA, is

being heard on this alternative frequency daily since the 1st inst., parallel to 6297 which doesn't seem to be at its best though as the HF transmitter is often airing an empty carrier, or simply off, or then airing the noise like "IS" that's played prior to the start of their broadcasts 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Aug 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297.1, surprisingly strong S9+20 open carrier at 0555 Aug 10, or rather not totally open as accompanied by a roaring sound. On exactly the same off-frequency as before, must be Radio Nacional de la Rep˙blica ¡rabe Saharaui Democr·tica, the Polisario Front clandestine from just across the border in Tindouf, ALGERIA. It`s been missing for months, as seems to happen every year, but eventually revives. Last report of it in DXLD was March 13 in issue 10-11.

At 0600:50 military band plays anthem for almost a minute, then YL announcement, language uncertain but unseems Spanish, then OM chanting until 0613 more melodic music mixed with talk. Unfortunately, a spur from one of Suddenlink`s cable DTV converters lands right on same frequency, impeding copy!

Reactivation was first reported by Mike Barraclough, UK, Aug 7 past 2303. Previous sign-on time per Aoki and WRTH was 0700, a bit late for me, so I`m glad it`s now 0600. Because Morocco was observing DST of UT +1? Per http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst2010.html
that just ended Aug 8, in time for Ramadan, and there is no DST in Algeria. The final hour at 23-24 should be in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ralf Ladusch-D and Nils Schiffhauer-D, DK8OK, noted on Aug 5 1849 UT; A-DX (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX via DXLD)

6297, Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D. (presumed). August 09, 2100-2110 Arabic style music, time pips, female announcements in uncertain language, male and short music segment, female and short music segment. 33333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297.1, just like 24 hours earlier, Aug 11 at 0556 open carrier, with 8-at-a-time utebeep ACI on low side, but this time LV de la RASD did not get around to signing on promptly, still OC at 0604 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297, 11 AUG, 2024 UT, CLANDESTINE (ALGERIA), Radio Nacional de la RASD, heard in Arabic and dramatic music. Supposedly only 20 kW on their shortwave frequency, so not so bad with only fair reception. No QRM and only summer static (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297.1, on Aug 12 not checked until 0627 when music was playing, so still signing on before 0700. We are tempted to refer to this station by its Spanish name, Radio Nacional de la Rep˙blica ¡rabe Saharaui Democr·tica, since we understand Spanish much better than the Hassania Arabic dialect, but only one hour a day is in Spanish, at most, so we really ought to use the other ID, quoting from WRTH 2010: Sowt al-sha`ab a-Sahraui al-mukafa --- SSSM for short; or SASASAM? Yeah, that`s cool (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 4965, CVC Christian Voice, Lusaka - Kaeni Ranch, 0430-0601*, Aug 1, English pop Christian music inter-spaced with inspirational talk, nice peak in the 30 minute period after 0431 UT sunrise in Lusaka. Confirmed transmitter left the air at 0601 even though signal had faded to nothing more than a weak carrier (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, 15íx60í KAZ Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. RECENTLY LAUNCHED STATE RADIO SIGNALS RELUCTANCE TO OPEN UP AIRWAVES --- By Lance Guma, 05 August 2010

Voice of Zimbabwe, a state controlled shortwave radio service, was launched last week Friday in Gweru and has signaled ZANU PFís reluctance to open up the airwaves. The station is reported to have been set up in 2007 with its general manager Happison Muchechetere saying they would carry out test runs before the actual programming started. Four years later it would seem they have finally managed to produce some programming.

Speaking to Newsreel on Thursday the national chairman of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), Loughty Dube, said; ëWhat that means is that in essence there are no new players. What the government has done is to move tentacles into a space which they already occupy.í He said Voice of Zimbabwe could not be called ëan additional voiceí but rather a repetition of all the other 4 ZBC stations.

Dube said MISA has called on the coalition government to free the airwaves and allow for the entry of new players in the broadcasting sector, in line with the three-tier broadcasting system stipulated under the African Charter. He said they should allow community broadcasters, transform the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) from a state to a public broadcaster and also allow commercial broadcasters.

While MISA says it welcomes the recent licensing of four newspapers by the Zimbabwe Media Commission, this should be extended to the broadcasting sector. Dube however expressed reservations this would happen with Tafataona Mahoso heading the Broadcasting Authority of

Zimbabwe (BAZ), given his history as a ëmedia hangmaní who shut down many newspapers.

The Broadcasting Authority was set up 9 years ago and to date has not licenced a single independent broadcaster. A MISA statement recently pointed out that ëZimbabwe has the dubious distinction of being among the very few African countries without privately owned commercial television and radio stations as well as community radio stations, 30 years after independence from colonial rule.í

So did the two MDC formations miss a trick in not using their parliamentary majority to repeal these repressive media laws that entrench the ZANU PF media monopoly? Dube said the GPA agreement had set out a proper framework to open up the airwaves, but like all other GPA issues no proper guidelines for implementation were put in place.

Source: http://www.swradioafrica.com/news050810/recent050810.htm
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Aug 5, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. ZBH ENTRENCHES MONOPOLY OF AIRWAVES
Read the story here : http://tinyurl.com/27k3smo
(The Zimbabwean, via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

ZIMBABWE'S NEW SHORTWAVE STATION, VOICE OF ZIMBABWE, REPORTEDLY ON THE AIR. Posted: 07 Aug 2010

The Zimbabwean, 5 August 2010: "Voice of Zimbabwe, a subsidiary of the state-controlled Zimbabwe Broadcasting Holdings (ZBH) was officially launched in the Midlands capital of Gweru on 30 July 2010. Voice of Zimbabwe was established in 2007 and broadcasts on shortwave frequency."

SW Radio Africa, 6 August 2010, via The Zimbabwean: "Voice of Zimbabwe, a state controlled shortwave radio service, was launched last week Friday in Gweru and has signaled ZANU PFís reluctance to open up the airwaves. The station is reported to have been set up in 2007 with its general manager Happison Muchechetere saying they would carry out test runs before the actual programming started. Four years later it would seem they have finally managed to produce some programming." (via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- Voice of Zimbabwe was reportedly created to counter the shortwave stations broadcasting into Zimbabwe, i.e. VOA Studio 7, SW Radio Africa, and Voice of the People. No mention of a frequency or schedule, and I have not seen any reports from shortwave DXers who have heard this station. Back in September 2007, 5975 and 4828 kHz were given as its frequencies:
http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/?id=2403 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

VOZ has continued to be reported on 4828, in almost every DXLD issue since 10-20, but overwhelmingly musical. And also on 3396 as of 25 June in 10-26 (gh, DXLD)

4828, Voice of Zimbabwe, Gweru. August 10, 2209-2213 female talks seems in English, male ID ìthis is Voice of Zimbabwe..î, choral music, audio off. Het, checked at 2227 carrier still was on, 33333.

6045, R. Zimbabwe (tentative), Gweru. August 04, 2305-2315 Hilife music, male talks seems in Vernacular. Poor, 22322.

6045, R. Zimbabwe (tentative), Gweru. August 11, 2253-2326 non stop Hilife selections with sometimes male in vernacular talks on music. Clearer from 2310 to 2320, before strong QRM and later, weaker signal; 32422. 73's (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. Re 10-30 and 10-31: ìFormer Zimbabwe minister claims VOA Studio 7 breaks ITU rulesî ñ another comment:

Kai Ludwig on Aug 8th, 2010 at 20:21

Iíve been told what a more recent ITU document says about 909 kHz: Malawi has a registration for 20 kW and site Simlemba ìrecognizedî in 1975, Zambia one for 50 kW from Solwezi ìrecognizedî in 1982 (still shown as in use in WRTH 1994, with a power of 10 kW). And likewise Botswana has a registration for 500 kW with directional antenna from Selebe-Phikwe ìrecognizedî in 1993, so of course it has been filed especially for the USIA (or whatever IBB predecessor was in charge for it) transmitter project.

I donít know what ìrecognizedî means in detail, presumably just the registration by the ITU. Anyway the legal status of the Botswana signal is identical to the previous ones from Zambia and, if it ever existed, Malawi. And apparently Zimbabwe never filed an own registration for 909 kHz.

It should be added that GE75 does not provide for external broadcasting on mediumwave, so all these transmissions take to some degree place in a grey zone. But nobody can seriously challenge a view that such frequency use is a de facto standard practice (Media Network blog via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 840, in daytime bandscan from hotspot parking lot in western Enid, 1818 UT Aug 7, could hear SAH of between 6 and 7 Hz on this frequency. KTIC, 5 kW in West Point NE, has been audible here daytimes under optimum conditions, but what could the other be? KWDF

in Ball, central LA seems next closest, 8 kW. Also possibly WHAS Louisville KY, KVJY in Pharr, extreme S TX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1580, another Saturday morning, Aug 7, so another session trying to pull anything identifiable out of the Spanish sportstalk I have been getting for weeks, only on Saturdays between 1300 and 1400 UT, underneath the open carrier from KOKB Blackwell OK, when applicable, and usually it is.

1312, tune-in, discussing Mundial de Sud·frica. 1318 rolled tape until 1404 and may listen to it again sometime for any further details.

1322, tone and interruption by NWS flash flood advisory for NE Arkansas, which is hardly applicable to KHGG in NW AR. But KHGG is the main QRM to the Spanish, KHGG losing out as the hour proceeded.

1323, Spanish fades back in; 1329 still sports talk, mentions Copa AmÈrica 2007. 1332 mentions about three times for upcoming partidos (games), maybe to be broadcast by same station. Then mentions Los ¡ngeles, Dallas, and some league with three or four initials in Spanish.

1345, fadeup again. This hour is just two guys conversing; not taking callers.

1348, break for promo or ad by screaming totally insincere announcer. Who falls for that? 1350 ad for leche(?), price in pesos(?), I think, which of course points to USM rather than USA source.

1351, sports discussion mentions El Salvador, Europa. KHGG seems to be gone by now.

1356, copied phone number clearly in Spanish: 633-8340. See below.

1359 fading, back up at 1403, still Spanish. 1404 another hard-sell ad, back to sports. 1410 mentions f˙tbol americano. 1415 gone as I quit; KOKB still open carrier.

Googling on 633-8340, pronounced 6-3-3-83-40 we get some intriguing hits; of course there could be others:

In 479 AC there is Massage Envy in Rogers AR, i.e. in KHGG coverage area.

In 719 AC, Health Partners in Colorado Springs, i.e. KREL country.

In 602 AC, it`s an active number in Phoenix, KMIK, territory, but

everyone wants me to pay to find out who it belongs to.

Also hits in 307 AC for a window company in Cheyenne WY, but no 1580s around there; and in the 575 AC for Nara Visa NM, ditto (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn ñ I found Fault Line Graphics, Arlington TX (817) 633 8340, but no apparent link to either KGAF or KTLU, the nearest listed TX stations to Arlington. 73 (Andrew Brade, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KGAF already denied it was the Spanish source, but I wish someone would monitor it locally one Saturday morn (gh, DXLD)

The all-sports talk format in Spanish might indicate 1580 WTTN Columbus, Wisconsin, which carries ESPN Deportes (Bruce Conti, NH, mwdx yg via DXLD)

That`s a good lead, as Bill Hale also pointed out some time ago. Can`t find a website for WTTN itself, so went to ESPN Deportes. As for program schedule, apparently only the day in progress is shown at http://espndeportes.espn.go.com/espndeportesradio/index so I can`t find out Sunday what aired on Saturday --- timezone not specified, but bet it`s UT-4. Live stream is available, so maybe another week I can match it up. However, in all my monitoring of the Spanish on 1580, I have never caught any mention of ESPN Deportes, which I assume is frequently done on that network. Searching ESPND for ``La Zona`` only gets generic hits, while I did hear that slogan previously on 1580.

Here`s the affiliate list, including WTTN as the only on 1580, attributed to ``Madisson`` WI: http://espndeportes.espn.go.com/news/story?id=226774&s=rad&type=story

They imagine that all the affiliates have -AM suffices, and none at all on FM! If some FM station wanted to affiliate, would it be rejected? KSMM-``AM`` 1470 is listed as ``Wichita TX`` even tho it`s really in Liberal KS, and not audible in Wichita KS, either. Nor Enid; the nearest possible one I could // would be 1540 KZMP Dallas; or not: it`s direxional east-west.

Other oddities: Salem OR must be a hotbed of Spanish sports, as they have three affiliates there! 1280, 1480 and 1390. And two in Portland, 910 and 1390 --- oops, 1390 is a duplicate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Just for the record, two of the ESPN stations listed for Salem, OR are actually in the Seattle area. KLDY-1280 is in Lacey WA and KNTB-1480 is in Tacoma, both about 150+ miles north of Salem. They

both simulcast KBRO-1490 100%.

Have you considered the possibility of a programming error in a station's satellite receiver? Perhaps some station near you is supposed to be carrying some other show at 1300 UT on Saturday morning, but has its automation computer inadvertently set up for the ESPN Deportes channel instead of the one they're supposed to be broadcasting. Maybe it's gone unnoticed because the staff doesn't listen to their own station on Saturday morning, and nobody's called to complain (either because nobody else is listening either, or because they're assuming a Spanish sports show on Saturday morning is intentional). Just a thought, but it might explain what you're hearing (Bruce Portzer, WA, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Yes, I have, and once again am suspecting KGAF Gainesville TX, despite their direct response, ``it wasn`t us``. If only someone in that area would check it out --- or, I should listen online via http://www.kgaf1580.com/listen.html where their program guide is woefully incomplete (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Found and ESPNdeportes page specifically for WTTN here: http://www.espnmadison.com/espn_deportes/

The only place they mention the WTTN call sign is in the coverage map on the page. The coverage map is actually done by radio-locator.com and not WTTN.

Personally, I think this is another area the FCC needs to crack down on as far as station ID goes. Specifically, that these big conglomerate radio affiliations should be required to list the call sign more than the do instead of just the affiliate such as ESPN. Both ESPN and FOX news seem to be the most notorious of not listing/ID'ing their calls on the air and on the web and seem to be "hiding" their local affiliate station IDs whenever possible (John];') ibid.)

1580 check Sunday Aug 8 after 1310 UT found no Spanish, unlike Saturday, underneath the KOKB Blackwell OK open carrier; just a mix of several stations including one with country/rock music, which I don`t hear on Saturdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I hear an UNID buzzer on 4835 kHz after AIR Gangtok 4837 kHz sign-off at 1600 until 1800. I wonder if this could be a faulty Pakistani transmitter? How does it sound in South Asia? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Aug 11, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Aug 4th 1910 noted spurs of VOA African service in English on around 6324 and 6340. FM like signal with traces of wobbling carrier. Checking around, noted similar but strong spur on

about 5811, weaker one around 5836. Noted similar spur already on Aug 1st around 6318. Programming was parallel to 4930 and 4940. Just wonder where these spurs come from (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It so happens that exactly halfway between 5836 and 6324 is 6080 --- VOA English via Meyerton at this hour (before 1830 it`s Sao Tome). The other spur frequencies lessen the certainty of this, but should match equally at any one moment. Halfway between 5810 and 6340 is 6075, but no VOA there (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Symmetrical could only be fundamental 6080 from Meyerton? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxplorer via Jari, via dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi Wolfy. You're right. Aug 8th I checked at 1844 UT and two rather strong spurs 5850 and 6310. So the origin must be Meyerton transmitter on 6080 (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5940, 1100-1115 Aug 9. Noted a program of news for ten minutes where two males share the microphone reporting the news. At 1110 news finishes, but comments continue. Signal is very poor and I can't distinguish the language, but it could be Spanish? If it is, I am thinking this might be Radio MelodÌa [Arequipa, PERU] which was near this freq last year or so and their format was news and comments. At 1115 I decided to drop this since it had become practically nil (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, NRD545, 26.37N 081.05W, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Was on the low side; seems nothing else likely (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6739 USB, 09 AUG, 1700 UT, military station. Woman in English reading phonetic alphabet with numbers and occasionally saying "stand by." Definite US accent, and this is a known US military frequency. No IDs whatsoever. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6979, 09 AUG, 1630 UT, Woman with mellow announcing over subcontinental chanting/singing. Not sure of language. Didn't sound like Arabic or Farsi, but heard "Iran" mentioned several times. Not // to any Iranian MW outlet, and the transmitter kept faulting off. Station would come back at lower power, and gradually increase its power until it faulted off again.

Checked all possible harmonics that were close in frequency such as 1161 and 1395, but nothing there that matched. Put two 15dB attenuators in line to make sure it was not a mixing product in my gear, but it was still there and appropriately reduced. At 1643, two distinct separate programs could be heard on the same audio, so possibly some sort of mixing product at the transmitter(s) or an audio issue. Not // to the BBG local powerhouse on 1296 either, so not a

spur from there apparently. 1395 kHz does have an Indian 20 kW station on it in Bikaner. Did anyone else come across this? Poor to good signals depending on what stage of power the transmitter was at before faulting off. 73 de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. As I was bandscanning before retiring UT Aug 7, at 0531 came upon big het against DW German via Rwanda on 9480; it`s normally in the clear. DW was still stronger, and could not make out what the station on 9479 was saying. Since WTWW is the only station in the world at any time on that frequency, I figured they were for some reason on day frequency instead of 5755. Checking 5755, nothing there, so that seemed to clinch it.

I notified WTWW, and later heard back from Ted Randall that he and other engineers were working on a problem with the frequency change gearbox and the power level, but he says it was not on the air when I heard it, altho they did switch back and forth to 9479 when troubleshooting at 0400-0410; and was back on 5755 when finished at 0730. It seems highly improbable to me that any other station would have been putting a spur on 9479 just when WTWW was experiencing these problems, but let`s see if we hear it again and can ID it as something else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15390, Aug 10 at 1238-1240* fair open carrier with intermittent tone tests. Typical VOA Greenville behavior, tho this frequency is no longer on the schedule at all since banning Creole from SW in April; was from 1630. Maybe now one of their frequencies used only for tune-ups. Next scheduled 15390 occupant now is Gospel for Asia via Nauen, Germany from 1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15562, Aug 8 at 1320, weak het to Portugal 15560, presumably ChiCom jamming against V. of Tibet`s variable frequency via Tajikistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. August 8, 2010. Can radio amateurs and SWL's please keep a listening watch around 28265 FM as there have been incursions by churches on this frequency heard throughout Europe at up to 59 +20db.

Please send details of names etc used so we can identify locations and report them to ComReg for investigation. All information can be sent to Ger McNamara EI4GXB who is the IRTS IARUMS co-ordinator.
More details at
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2010/church_intruders.htm
(Southgate via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

These are tolerated on the 11m CB, but certainly not on 10m HB.

Allegedly as a service to shut-ins; likely from Ireland, N or S (gh, DXLD)

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PUBLICATIONS
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AM Radio Log 2010-2011

The NRC are now Accepting Pre-orders for the 31st Edition of the AM Radio Log, http://www.nrcdxas.org/
(Mike Terry, Aug 5, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Any orders for the AM Radio log received by August 14th will be mailed by August 16th. Orders received after that date will be mailed by September 3rd after my return from the NRC/WTFDA convention in Rochester.

Member and non member prices and other info are posted at http://www.nrcdxas.org

The book is at the printers and is being printed now. Feel free to pass this to other lists and individuals, as I am only on this one currently. 73, Wayne Heinen, AM Radio Log Editor (via Pete Jernakoff, IRCA via DXLD)

FREE PROCEEDINGS DOWNLOADS - courtesy Harold Sellers

Harold has given me the "Proceedings" CD - loaded with great articles... for "open sourcing" on http://DXer.ca

I am going to do my level best to make this material available for a short period of time - Keep an eye on the website. Grab and share as it comes up. Thanks and 73, (Colin Newell, Aug 7, IRCA via DXLD)

MAGNA UPDATE

Hi folks, Just uploaded an updated application of Magna zip to:
http://www.orchidcitysoftware.com/IMAGE59.HTML
Hope you get a chance to download it.
(Chuck Bolland, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST) merges SW sked sources

NASWA LOGGINGS DATABASE

Ralph Brandi advised today that the NASWA Loggings Database, covering logs published in the NASWA Journal since 1998, is again up-to-date, at http://www.naswa.net
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(Dan Ferguson, North American Shortwave Association:
http://www.naswa.net
Combined SWBC skeds spreadsheet - updated August 8 at 2200 GMT:
http://www.hfskeds.com/skeds/
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shortwave-radio
Aug 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HD RADIO NOW AND (MAYBE) INTO THE FUTURE

Article in the September issue of Popular Communications, pp. 46-50, with several pictures, by Bruce Elving. It mentions his being an FM listener since the late 1940s, and the article discusses DX possibilities in HD, mobile reception, and has a survey of the market for HD radios (Bruce Elving, himself, Aug 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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RAMADAN 1431

Is about to start; see TURKEY. And:

THE ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS AND RAMADAN: A FIQHI DISCOURSE

This book shatters the myth that naked-eye sighting of the new moon and completing 30 days in the case of weather-related or other obscurities are the only two valid methods of determining the month of Ramadan. The author explains that certainty, not actual sighting, is the real objective of the Shari'ah and that the Qur'an does not mandate physical sighting. A careful analysis shows that those hadiths that seemingly require sighting actually require certainty. The assertion that all Muslim scholars prohibit the use of astronomical calculations, both in affirming or negating the month of Ramadan, is not correct. As calculation is now more accurate than naked-eye sighting, due to certain astronomical and scientific advancements, the use of calculation is the closest to the real objective of the Shari'ah and to the spirit of the hadiths. [Paperback ISBN-10: 1-56564-334-8]

A Fiqhi Discussion in a Book by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah. For more info, Click here http://hilal-discourse.net/default.aspx
(via DXLD) Au contraire:

Ramadan in 2010 will start on Wednesday, the 11th of August and will continue for 30 days until Thursday, the 9th of September.

Based on sightability in North America, in 2010 Ramadan will start in

North America a day later - on Thursday, the 12th of August.

Note that in the Muslim calander, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Muslims will celebrate Ramadan on the sunset of Tuesday, the 10th of August.

From a radio perspective Ramadan is quite significant. In the UK numerous local RSL stations appear on FM for the month. In other parts of the world stations extend their broadcasting hours during Ramadan, sometimes making them easier to hear by DXers. 73s (Steve Whitt, UK, Aug 4, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Big Ben vs. the Royal Mecca Clock

I guess you'd call it a timepiece smackdown -- the Royal Mecca Clock is under construction, and apparently its proponents are seeking to have the new clock replace Big Ben (and GMT [UTC]) as the world's iconic timepiece and time zone...
See
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/saudiarabia/7937123/Giant-Mecca-clock-seeks-to-call-time-on-Greenwich.html
or http://snipurl.com/10kft6
(the BBC World Service is mentioned in the article...)
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Aug 11, NASWA yg via DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY
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TRISTAN DA CUNHA --- EmitiÛ dos grupos de 8 sellos (16 ejemplares de 35 peniques) que puso a la venta el 15 de enero y 16 de julio de 2010 con el tÌtulo HISTORIA DE GRAN BRETA—A. Uno de dichos efectos est· dedicado a Guillermo Marconi inspirado en las im·genes que las administraciones postales de numerosos paÌses lanzaron con motivo del Centenario de la Radio. Cordiales 73.s a todos (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO ñ VALLS ñ TARRAGONA (ESPA—A), Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GRAPHIC GAFFES & AUDIBLE ATROCITIES
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Aug 6 at 1354 UT, without batting an eyelash, the CNN anchorette mentioned that ``Charles Taylor ruled Libya``, in the Naomi Campbell story. I am sure that would come as a surprise to Col. Q`Daffy. I did not recognize her, and altho CNN has grafix all over the screen, axually IDing the anchor is seldom important to them. BTW, if this were a Tiny Trap item, I would point out that Libya is more than 18 times the size of Liberia; altho with 11 times the population density, Liberia as of some ten years ago had about 61% the population of Libya; per the 2000y World Almanac (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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Novedades del XVI Encuentro!!!! [Mexicano]

Saludos amig@s: Como es costumbre, posterior al evento, es importante hacer llegarles alg˙n recuerdo gr·fico del mismo, asÌ que he subido alguna informaciÛn preliminar del XVI Encuentro DX celebrado en la Ciudad de Tamazunchale, S.L.P. Mexico

Para esto les pido consultar el blog:
http://entre-ondas.blogspot.com/

Espero poder subir pronto lo que falta...

Pd:- Agradezco al anfitriÛn del XVI Encuentro Dx, el Sr. Antonio Rubio, por la calidez humana y gran esfuerzo realizado, a mi hermana Eunice Cruz, por su valiosa ayuda en la realizaciÛn del mismo, a la RepresentaciÛn de Radio EducaciÛn Onda Corta, por dar realce a Èste tipo de eventos, y a todos los asistentes, por su tiempo y dedicaciÛn, espero en lo personal que hayan disfrutado del clima de la regiÛn y su hospitalidad. Atentamente, Magdiel Cruz RodrÌguez.

NOTA importante: Favor de NO enviar correspondencia a mi anterior direcciÛn postal, dentro de unos dÌas estarÈ proporcion·ndoles mi nueva direcciÛn postal. Sigo leyendo sus mensajes en el Cel. 777 110 94 56 y a mi correo: mcruz_dx @ yahoo.com.mx

miÈrcoles 4 de agosto de 2010
ALGUNAS ESCENAS DEL YA HIST”RICO XVI ENCUENTRO DIEXISTA EN M…XICO.

Con la grata presencia de la Radio EducaciÛn -Onda Corta-, y la calidez humana del anfitriÛn, Sr. Antonio Rubio RodrÌguez, y el clima caluroso-tropical de la regiÛn, se dieron inicio a los trabajos de la XVI ReuniÛn Anual de los Diexistas y Radioescuchas Mexicanos, en la Ciudad de Tamazunchale, S.L.P. el dÌa 31 de julio del 2010...

11:50 horas. - El Sr. Antonio Rubio RodrÌguez, anfitriÛn del evento, inaugurÛ formalmente el XVI Encuentro Dx en MÈxico.

12:00 horas. - El Ing. Rafael Gustavo Grajeda Rosado, iniciÛ su participaciÛn introduciendo el tema de la Onda Corta, y posteriormente su especialidad, el "Diexismo Utilitario".

13:00 horas. - FinalizÛ la exposiciÛn anterior, y hubo participaciÛn de experiencias personales de algunos asistentes:

El Sr. Catarino RodrÌguez, compartiÛ la conveniencia de tener a la mano alg˙n medio de grabaciÛn para las escuchas espont·neas que resultan de estar sintonizando el radiorreceptor.

El joven Luis Alejandro Vallebueno, diÛ sus experiencias de escuchas y vista de la Radio como Cultura.

El Ing. Rafael Grajeda continuÛ respondiendo algunas inquietudes de los asistentes.

14:00 horas, tuvo su lugar la representaciÛ n de Radio EducaciÛn, en Èsta ocasiÛn contando con la presencia de la Coordinadora de Radio EducaciÛn Onda Corta, la productora del programa "SintonÌa Libre".

Nos brindaron una serie de diapositivas con la reseÒa de lo que hay atr·s de la seÒal de Radio EducaciÛn, la ˙nica seÒal cultural de Onda Corta a nivel gubernamental que est· activa en la Rep˙blica Mexicana. Presentaron algunos proyectos a corto plazo e invitaron a la audiencia a seguir en contacto con la Radio.

De parte del personal tÈcnico desde la producciÛn de programas como el personal que est· en la Planta Transmisora, se presentaron algunas entrevistas y mensajes dirigidos a los asistentes al Encuentro.

Por la noche, se realizÛ la demostraciÛn de la recepciÛn de la onda corta, utilizando y probando varios receptores desde los antiguos hasta algunos modelos recientes, y nuevos que llevaron los participantes.

Y una gran sorpresa se presentÛ cuando el organizador del XIV Encuentro Diexista, el colega Paul Sebasti·n desde la ciudad de GÛmez Palacio, Durango dirigiÛ un mensaje a travÈs de la onda corta, ya que Èl es un Radioaficionado, enviando saludos a todos los presentes y demostrando asÌ lo que es la RadioaficiÛn y la Radioescucha de forma pr·ctica.

Muchas Gracias al AnfitriÛn, y gracias a todos lo que pudieron asistir al XVI Encuentro Diexista en MÈxico. (Posteriormente pondrÈ m·s informaciÛn del segundo dÌa y conclusiones del mismo, estÈn pendientes.. . °Gracias Eunice por tu apoyo!). Atentamente, Magdiel Cruz RodrÌguez. (via Dario Monferini, Italy, Aug 5, playdx yg via DXLD)

J A R L

Your recent DX LISTENING DIGEST 10-31, August 4, 2010 mentioned in Conferences the August JARL meet.

JARL Ham Fair 2010, [Tokyo Japan]

The JARL Ham Fair 2010 will be held at Tokyo Big Sight [sic], Ariake, Tokyo on August 21st (Saturday) and 22nd (Sunday). Last year, we had about 31,000 participants for two days. Thanks to all visitors, manufacturers, retailers, clubs and volunteers at JARL Ham Fair 2009. We hope to see you all again, at HAM Fair 2010!
http://www.bigsight.jp/english/index.html

http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-6_ham-fair/ham-fair.htm
[You might see the 2009 and earlier years links at the JARL site above to see the size and activities.]

http://www.jarl.or.jp/ or
http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/0-2.htm
[This is the Kanto fair, The Kansai (Osaka, Japan) is the month before, called KanHam. Like a New York-Chicago, Manchester-London, Berlin-Hamburg rivalry] (Dan Say, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PALESTRA DO NAVEGADOR AMYR KLYNK

Ciclo de Palestras LABRE-SP, Agosto 2010
Dia 28/08/2010 as 9hs --- Amyr Klink ñ Mar sem fim
Local: AuditÛrio da Escola SENAI de Informatica
Vagas limitadas a 100 participantes por palestra ! ! !

As inscriÁıes s„o gratuitas, mas dever„o ser necessariamente feitas previamente pelo telefone 011 2093-9888 com o M·rcio ou a Nat·lia, pelo e-mail: labresp@... [truncated] ou pelo site da LABRE SP http://www.labre-sp.org.br/ que est· sendo adequado para comportar tais inscriÁıes. Como os assentos s„o limitados e a inscriÁ„o È aberta a qualquer radioamador e/ou acompanhante, associado ou n„o ‡ LABRE SP, sugiro que, na hipÛtese de haver interesse em alguma das palestras, reservem o mais rapidamente possÌvel o seu lugar.

A primeira palestra do ciclo, ser· proferida pelo ilustre brasileiro e velejador, Amyr Klink. Amyr ir· compartilhar um pouco de todas as suas experiÍncias pelos mares do sul, deixando-nos saber peculiaridades de suas viagens, como, por exemplo, a "tempestade perfeita" que enfrentou ao sul da Austr·lia, com ondas gigantescas em pleno alto mar e como o r·dio foi seu companheiro por dias e noites.

Informem os amigos. MatÈria selecionada por: (ULYSSES GALLETTI ñ PY2UAJ, Coordenador SWL LABRE - SP, Aug 10, DXLD)

MUSEA
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ALEXANDER CALDER AND CONTEMPORARY ART: FORM, BALANCE, JOY
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, through Oct. 17
220 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

Of all the artists, Nathan Carter makes the objects that most resemble Calderís own ó elaborate, midair metallic doodles that look ìas if heís drawing in wire, with bits of typography, ëlow-fií technology, and a whiff of science fiction thrown in.î

Nathan Carter`s ``Tyrolean Alpine Wireless Stations Merano Trento Bolzano Cortina D`Ampezzo Sarentino Ready for Radio Check`` (2009) (caption to illustration on page 22 of The Week, Aug 6, via DXLD)

illustrated here plus another one:
http://www.artslant.com/chi/articles/show/17770

Three of the living artists ó Nathan Carter, Jason Middlebrook, and Jason Meadows ó incorporate Calderís line into their work, albeit in different ways. Carter is the most Calderesque sculptor in the show and the most fun. At the press opening, he explained that his subject is communication and miscommunication ó and that he scavenges for his materials in city streets after automobile accidents.

Nathan Carter, RADAR REFLECTOR ORIGIN PETIT CALIVIGNY GRENADA, 2009. Courtesy of the artist and Casey Kaplan, New York [caption]

Carterís RADAR REFLECTOR ORIGIN PETIT CALIVIGNY GRENADA (2009, seen above) is a hanging circular welded steel rod framework, six feet in diameter, with rods crossing it to create triangular and trapezoidal openings where small colored objects are suspended on wires. The framework and rods are painted red.

Carter surely found some of the suspended objects that we see in this work, but most are chunks of colored plastic and other materials that he selected, cut to shape, and arranged with great care. Light, airy, and upbeat, RADAR REFLECTOR recalls Joan MirÛ as it follows Calder in its use of materials and reliance upon line to organize a flat space (via gh, DXLD)

UNINTENDED TRIBUTE TO KANSAS RADIO HISTORY???

I note with some amusement that a new religious FM station in Girard, Kansas has taken the call letters KFKB. These call letters have a checkered history in Kansas.....
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_R._Brinkley

Arguably, after KFKB was sold, "Dr." Brinkley became the father of the Mexican AM "border blaster".

KFKB today is probably better known as KFDI-1070, Wichita (actually, the calls are now KLIO but I'd bet most Kansans know it better as KFDI) ñ (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD)

A 'JOKE' OF A MUSEUM AT AKASHVANI, BUT SAFELY UNDER LOCK AND KEY

http://www.indianexpress.com/news/a-joke-of-a-museum-at-akashvani-but-safely-under-lock-and-key/659210/3

Comments: During 2007 me & Jose tried to visit the museum however after going up & down three floors searching for the official with keys of the museum, we gave up. ---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Aug 11, dx_india yg via DXLD)

NOTE: I am constantly vacillating whether to put `musea` items here or under the country concerned; more historical stuff will be found in the country sexion in most issues, not always cross-referenced (gh)

MARCONI TELEGRAPH STATION CLIFDEN === August 12, 2010

The BBC2 TV show "Coast" on the Marconi transatlantic telegraph station at Clifden including the recreation of a spark transmitter is now on the web.

At Clifden, Dick Strawbridge leads a team of radio experts who try to recreate the 100-year-old technology that Marconi developed to send the first commercial wireless messages across the Atlantic, using steam generators powered by peat and a massive antenna, over half a mile long.

The Clifden item starts 9:30 minutes into the video at:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00tfv4z

More details at :
(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2010/marconi_clifden_station.htm
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

The stupid BBC copyright policy blocks overseas visitors to watch the video: "Not available in your area".
(Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

Why is the BBC copyright policy stupid?

The policy is that they don't spend UK licence payers money, which is a tax every household has to pay or risk prosecution, on buying extra international rights and on offering downloads and flash streaming of

worldwide which is also expensive.

They offer BBC news video and some sports content on their international site which is supported by advertising and not by UK licence fee holders.

I fail to see the reasoning here or why the BBC Trust or other licence fee payers would support your assertion. With the economic situation as it is the Government is looking for the UK licence fee to be frozen or even be reduced.

They did propose setting up an international version of the Iplayer in 2009, and there were some reports that they were going to go into partnership with Google. However the business model should be such that it makes a profit and some journalists object to advertising on any BBC site/service as they say it compromises their impartiality.

They offer all their radio services to overseas listeners at no charge as far as I am aware but the cost of rights, apart from sport, and load on their servers is far less than doing the same for TV (Mike Barraclough, UK, ibid.)

Dear Mike, I understand, that with the advent of multimedia communication via the Internet, the limitations of this type are an obstacle to the spread of cultural and global information, which is what the Internet has built admirably. The democratization of access to information is a great value of these modern times. Intermediaries in the process of communication are having increasing trouble. That is the trend, in my opinion and that of others more enlightened than me.

Once, in need of information of certain aspects on the history of radio in my country published in the 20s in a googlebooks paper, I could see some of the material, but not the piece of info I wanted. I found the help from a US colleague that could read that information without problems, not me, for me it was invisible.

It ended happily, the friend sending the file and I could retrieve important aspects of radio in my own country. These situations seem as if we were inhabitants where some have more rights than others to access information. After all, a historic document from the Cliffden station seems to be more cultural than business matter. That's what irritates me.

Anyway there will always be resources, such as IP proxy anonymous to give a try. Or the help of a friend... 73 (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

There is a helpful comment at

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2010/marconi_clifden_station.htm (Mike Terry, ibid.) Viz.:

The BBC attempts to stop people overseas from having access to certain items on their site and it is not known if the archive is accessible to those outside the UK. One solution to this problem may be to use a Proxy Server based in the UK. For information on how to use a Proxy Server, watch this video (via DXLD)

i.e. YouTube video on how to find and use a proxy server on IE7 and Firefox 3 (gh)

EDWIN SOUTHWELL forwards this archive information sheet, date-stamped 1 October 1991, of a station no longer broadcasting, but which many will remember well ...:

A SHORT HISTORY OF RADIO NACIONAL DE BRASILIA

In 1958, two years before the new capital of Brazil was inaugurated the government created Radio Nacional de Brasilia, to serve, initially, as the only communication medium for the so-called "Candangos", the people who were building the new city. The Radio began its operations in Nuc1eo Bandeirante - a type of campo town where the "Candangos" lived until the residential buildings were completed.

Radio Nacional de Brasilia's first official transmission was on May 31, 1958. By then, the headquarters had been moved to an auditorium within Brasilia and the Radio was broadcasting from five a.m. until midnight.

During those early broadcasts, much of the programming was devoted to public service. Many people used the Radio as a means of sending messages to their families in other parts of the country. RNB was so effective in this service that the Brazilian Postal Service at one point tried to limit the number of messages which could be passed over the air. The auditorium also became a meeting place for local singers and their flowers, and these gatherings served to help create a community spirit among those who attended.

In 1960, large caravans of people moving to the newly-completed capital started down the roads from BelÈm, Mato Grosso, Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro. This movement was immediately given the name "The march of national integration", and RNB participated actively. The Radio sent reporters out all along these highways to accompany the new arrivals.

During the inauguration of Brasilia, RNB's headquarters were moved to

the current - yet still temporary - building located near the city's centre. It was also at this time that RNB was integrated with R·dio Nacional do Rio de Janeiro, one of the oldest and most prestigeous radio stations in Brazil, which gave the Radio links with every part of the country. Thus, nearly 50 Brazilian stations re-transmitted RNB's coverage of the inauguration. of the new capital.

In June 1972, RNB began broadcasting test transmissions in English to Europe, to determine the viability of an international service. In September of the same year, the International. Service was oficial1y inaugurated, with four one-hour programmes in different languages (English, German, Portuguese and Spanish). In November, the French language was added and in September 1973, Italian was added.

However, at the time, we were using our 10 kW transmitters, designed for national coverage, and reception abroad was never as good as we should have liked. Therefore, we began plans for the purchase of transmitters which should effectively send our signa1 to distant lands.

In 1974, R·dio Naciona1 de BrasÌlia began broadcasting its programmes on a new 250 kW short-wave transmitter, but during the same year we were faced with a number of problems, which forced us to limit our language services to English, German and Portuguese and to discontinue the publication of our monthly bu11etin. Three years later, in June 1977 we had suspend our International Service and in its place we started broadcasting a new short-wave service to the Brazilian Amazon Region. Such suspension, however, was only temporary, and on March 9, 1979 we resumed our International Service with experimental one-hour broadcasts in English to North America. These were later amplified to include broadcasts in English to Europe and North America and in Portuguese to Africa and the south of Europe.

Besides our broadcasts to the Brazilian Amazon Region, we have a medium-wave home service on a 10 kW transmitter, frequency of 980 khz, and finally a medium-wave home service on a 300 kW transmitter using the same frequency of 980 khz.

We also operate an FM stereo transmitter on the frequency of 96.9 MHz. and a colour TV Station.

The International Service has recently become an autonomous entity with its own management, under the denomination of RADIO NACIONAL DO BRASIL. On November 9, 1981 we started a new short-wave service in Spanish having as target areas the Central and Southern Regions of the South American Continent. And on the 24th of May, 1982 our German Service was resumed with daily programmes.

Finally, on the 23rd of July, 1990, R·dio Naciona1 do Brasil began its new transmissions in the four languages - English, German, Portuguese and Spanish - amplified to one hour and twenty minutes, thus rea1ising a more dynamic type of program with information, music and topics on the various sectors of Brazilian day to day life.

The transmissions of the International Service are received in the most remote parts of the world. We receive regularly, reception reports from Europe, Asia, North, Central and South America as well as the islands in the North and South Atlantic, the Pacific, the Indian Ocean, Australia, Greenland, etc. (via Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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Hi Glenn, I came across this item while scanning the www.eham.net home page:

Par EndFedz Acquired by LnR Precision:
Dale R. Parfitt (W4OP) on August 6, 2010

On August 2, 2010 LnR Precision, Inc. acquired the popular Par EndFedz line of amateur and SWL antennas. Larry, AE4LD, will be the new owner. Larry is a talented machinist, active amateur, QRPer and will be far better equipped to manufacture and expand the EndFedz line of antennas. In recent years, PAR has had to resort to only accepting orders in 1 week windows in order to better balance their growing commercial segment and the amateur products.

LnR Precision will have much larger manufacturing capabilities and thus amateurs will benefit from much faster order filling. Dale W4OP will be staying on to complete new designs and offering technical assistance to LNR Precision.

Amateurs can expect new novel EndFedz models in the near future. "I wish to thank the many thousands of amateurs who have bought EndFedz and whom I think of as friends. I will continue to design/manufacture both commercial and amateur filters and expand our line of commercial and amateur VHF/UHF antenna products and hopefully some really interesting surface mount accessories for HF rigs." -Dale W4OP

I have used the PAR Electronics EndFedZ Model EF-SWL antenna for several years and found it to be a good performing antenna on the SWBC bands, 73ís, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, Aug 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PAR EndFed antennas acquired by...

Some equipment news; the popular line of Par EndFeds (including the SWL version) will now be manufactured by LnR Precision. Here is the announcement on the PAR website, along with the new LnR Precision web page http://www.parelectronics.com/end-fedz.php
http://www.keyconcepts.us/endfedz.htm
I first heard about this over on the SWL Antenna yahoo group. 73 (Mike KA3JJZ Agner, Aug 11, NASWA yg via DXLD)

DTS-10 Radio

My DTS-10 arrived and I have tested and compared it with the "Super ATS-909", the RP-2100, and my Palstar R30A.

AM - Medium Wave performance was the first area I tested. As Mikey Maghakian pointed out, the MW performance is definitely inferior to the RP-2100. It is also inferior to the Super ATS-909. As expected, the Palstar R30A is VASTLY superior to the DTS-10, the 909 and the RP-2100. No surprise there since the Palstar is widely acclaimed for its excellent MW performance and in my opinion it has no equal.

My opinion is the DTS-10 MW performance is poor.

Next I tested the FM performance of the radios; The Palstar has no FM broadcast coverage. The DTS-10 was slightly better than the RP-2100 and not as good as the "Super ATS-909" The sensitivity to weak signals was best in the Super ATS-909.

My opinion is the DTS-10 FM performance is adequate, not exceptional.

Next came short-wave tests. Here I do not agree with Mikey. I know Mikey personally and respect his opinions but in my side-by-side comparisons, using the same external antenna (a PAR End-fed SWL), the DTS-10 was clearly the worst performer. I tested frequencies in the 49, 41, 25, 19 and 15 meter bands and in selected Ham Radio bands both at night and during the day. All four the radios have similar SW band coverage, but the RP-2100 does not have SSB capability.

On SSB, the DTS-10 does have a BFO but no apparent way to select USB or LSB, it just indicates SSB. The SSB + BFO does work okay on strong signals and I did not notice any frequency drift.

I then tested the DTS, 909 and 2100 using their built-in whips, fully extended. The Palstar has no whip antenna. The results were the same as when using the PAR antenna mentioned above.

Overall the best SW performance was (no surprise here) the Palstar. Next was the "Super ATS-909" and in third place the RP-2100 and worst was the DTS-10. The SSB performance of the ATS-909 was just okay, not

great.

My opinion is the DTS-10 SW performance is mediocre at best!

I did not test the Long-Wave performance.

Comments on operational convenience: The DTS-10 has direct frequency entry which is very nice. The RP-2100 really needs such a feature. The display of the DTS-10 is clear and the back-light is nice and bright. The memory is organized in pages and the organization of pages can be setup by the user. The ability to attach alpha names to memorized channels is a very nice feature. The so-called "English Manual" is pitiful to say the least.

Perhaps some radio to radio variation explains why I do not like the DTS-10 despite its operational conveniences. It is certainly possible that Mikey simply got a better DTS-10 than I did...

The radio arrived well packed but the box itself was totally ruined by the packaging technique.

Bottom Line:

I wanted to like this radio, I really did. Sadly I do not! Returning it to China is costly and next to useless. All I can say is I have a DTS-10 I will sell very cheaply to anyone interested - reply by e-mail, please (Neil Bell, KJ6FBA, Aug 7, MWDX yg via DXLD)

ANOTHER NEW RECEIVER DUE SOON, ETON S450DLX

The Nevada website is now listing the Eton S450DLX at £99.95, as a replacement for the S350. Not available yet though. Regards, (Shaun, G8VPG, Aug 6, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE MIGHT STILL BE USEFUL

Broadcasting via SW has essentially been proven to be ``Tyranny resistant``; even a cursory glance at the medium`s history would serve to educate the uninitiated.

Despots, and would-be despots presently have, at their fingertips, the means to unplug almost every other means of disseminating and receiving information.

While more vulnerable to countermeasures than, say, 50 years ago, shortwave radio remains a highly survivable medium in tumultuous times.

We have seen, in recent years, broadcasters scramble to abandon SW radio and instead embrace whatever hi-tech platforms are presently in fashion. While such actions can be viewed as pragmatic, the perceived logic in doing so is myopic at best, particularly when the changes also include the dismantling of SW transmission sites.

I submit that, in today`s highly volatile political and economic environment, it would be rather foolish to place all of one`s eggs in a shiny new (but untested) basket, especially when it is done to the exclusion of a tried, true and rugged old one (Richard W. Parker, KB2DMD, Pennsburg PA, August NASWA Journal via DXLD)

NEW SHORTWAVE RECEIVER COMING FROM SANGEAN !!

Shortwave broadcasting may be on the decline, but itís not dead yet. Receiver manufacturer Sangean has a new portable shortwave receiver scheduled for release by the end of 2010. The ATS-909X is described by the manufacturer as ìthe flagship of the Sangean line of AM/FM/SW Receivers.î According to Sangean, ìit provides performance and features generally found in the more expensive table top communication receivers into a very compact and stylish package.î More details are available on the Sangean website. . .

http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/new-shortwave-receiver-coming-from-sangean#comments
(August 5th, 2010 - 14:18 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

Almost a month after we publicized this in REF. 32 comments as of Aug 10, several from Keith Perron et al. about SW receivers being overstocked by Chinese manufacturers, wide disparities in pricing (gh)

URGENT! The MRHS Needs Your Help!

WRC-12 Recommendations May Put KSM Off The Air
Public comments in support of KSM Are Needed
But Time is short - the deadline for comments in 13 August 2010
----- Here's what's happening:

Every few years an international radio conference is held. The next is the World Radio Conference 2012 (WRC-12). The FCC is the US representative to these conferences.

For WRC-12 the FCC proposes to support recommendations that would make digital data dominant in the maritime service to such an extent that KSM and other stations could be forced off the air.

Here's what you can do:

In a Public Notice the FCC has solicited comments from the public regarding the recommendations to be supported at WRC-12. You can file a comment on line to recommend that KSM and other stations using A1A (Morse code) and NBDP (Narrow Band Direct Printing or RTTY) be allowed to continue operation.

But time is short! The deadline for filing comments is 13 August 2010.

If you'd like to help keep KSM on the air, follow these steps:
1. Read the FCC Public Notice HERE:
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-10-1408A1.doc

2. Read the comments the MRHS has filed with the FCC HERE:
http://ddillman.home.igc.org/Radiomarine/Comment.doc

3. File your comment on line in support of KSM. You can do this by uploading a prepared document like the comments the MRHS has filed. Or you can use an on-line form to file brief comments.

The proceeding number is 04-286. To file a prepared document go HERE:
http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/display?z=lg4h3

To file a brief comment go HERE:
http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list?z=g4v1a

If proceeding number 04-286 is not listed click on the "click here" option to add it.

Suggested text:

If you wish to upload a prepared document like the comments the MRHS has filed we've provided suggested template for your use. Add your own name and address and modify the text to include your own words as needed. The template may be found HERE:
http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list?z=g4v1a

If you wish to file a brief comment you might use wording similar to this:

"My name is xxx xxxx. I'm writing to support the comments filed by the Maritime Radio Historical Society (MRHS) regarding WRC-12. Specifically, I agree with the MRHS position that the FCC should not support those portions of the recommendations for WRC-12 that would adversely effect MRHS station KSM and other stations in the maritime service."

Full information may also be found on our Web site:

http://www.radiomarine.org

Thanks and VY 73, RD
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Richard Dillman
Chief Operator, Coast Station KSM
Maritime Radio Historical Society
http://www.radiomarine.org
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(radiomarine yg via Brandon Jordan, DXLD)

END OF LORAN-C ON 100 KHZ

While I'm doing some work on my receiving feedlines and also some testing, I've just noticed that the 100 kHz Loran C "monster" from Caribou, Maine was off.

After a quick search over the Internet, here's what I found:
http://www.loran-history.info/LORAN_Implementation_Planning_Installation_and_Termination/Final%20LORAN%20C%20Transmission.pdf

No surprise there with today's GPS and other high tech localization devices, they had to shut down among others this 350 kW beast:
http://www.loran-history.info/caribou/_Caribou%2074%20aerial.jpg

Personally, I must confess though that this is a relief as I also like to DX long wave (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, Canada, http://www.quebecdx.com Aug 10, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Thanks for the tip, Sylvain! Just noticed that the Nantucket LORAN transmitter on 100 kHz is also off the air. I hope it is permanent as it has been a pest here for many decades (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, ibid.)

I thought it was pretty widely publicized in the past few months that Loran-C has been decommissioned and all the sites in US and later Canada to be closed. There was a great video on the web of a 1350-foot loran tower at a site in Alaska being dynamited. They got it to collapse almost vertically (Bob Foxworth, FL, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I believe this is the video Bob is talking about.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zqj1hy9NS8
Pretty impressive. I wouldn't want to be near some of those cameras (Bruce Portzer, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

The Loran-C decommissioning has been on and off again so many times that it is difficult to keep up with. Homeland Security wanted to keep

the system and upgrade it. The House version of the 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act funded the Loran-C system at $36 million and requires the Coast Guard to submit a plan for upgrading the system to eLoran, as a long-term backup for GPS. However, I read that the US Loran system was shut down on February 8, 2010 and the Russian and Canadian segments followed shortly thereafter. There are some photos from my 2001 visit to the Gillette WY site on one of my my web sites at http://community.webtv.net/AM-DXer/
(Patrick Griffith, CO, IRCA via DXLD)

The Canadian and USA east coast and Midwest systems were shut down in February; the far-west Canadian and Alaskan systems just shut down a week or two ago. The Far East Russian remaining chain (GRI 5980) is still in operation. I get it fading in every morning for 30-60 minutes, otherwise 100 kc is blissfully silent. The master station at George, WA was my strongest radio signal, and I had to use a homebrew Loran notch filter to stop the intermod in my radios. I'm thrilled that they are finally silent. 73, (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

MULTIPLE OVER THE HORIZON HF RADARS

OHR - CYPRUS + IRAN + TURKEY --- Almost three different Over the Horizon radar signals noted on Aug 9th at 1000-1030 UT slot in \\.

Most probably British airforce radar noted on 14517 to 14542 kHz at 1005 and 1030 UT.

Others from these ME countries like 14600 to 14622 and 14579 to 14583 kHz at 1010 UT, and a third one on 14888-14911 kHz S=8-9 signal at 1018 UT.

And also OHR on Aug 10 0703-0710 UT: 14521-14541, 14689-14709, and 14988-15010 kHz, latter also covered across the 15 MHz time & normal frequency channels (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 9/10, via DXLD))

LEGENDARY SPY RADIO DONATED BACK TO ROCKWELL COLLINS - August 11, 2010

An unheralded group of Vietnam war-era Army signals intelligence officers took a step into the daylight Friday to donate one of their favorite radios back to its manufacturer.

The 265th Radio Research Company used many radios in their service in Vietnam from 1967 to 1972, but the R-390A HF (high-frequency) receiver they donated to the Rockwell Collins museum was something special, they said.

"This has been a workhorse," said Doug Bonnot of Jonesboro, Tenn., the

president of the Radio Research Company Veteran Group .

Bonnot said he doubted that there was anyone who worked in uniform for the Army Security Agency, Air Force Security Service, Naval Security group or Marine Radio Battalion who doesn't remember the R-390 HF receiver fondly.

The receiver was so capable that it was considered top secret, the veterans said. It is now a favorite of amateur radio operators, who sometimes pay to buy and restore them.

Bonnot said members of his unit worked long hours at the radios day-in and day-out monitoring communications. Potentially valuable radio intelligence was recorded and passed off to other specialists who could decode and translate them, Bonnot said.

"You were in a battle every day," Bonnot said. "Your weapon is a radio, and your stock and trade is information the enemy put out over the radio."

Lawrence Robinson, who oversees Rockwell Collins' corporate museum, said almost everything in the museum has been donated to the company. He thanked the group for the 1952-vintage radio, one of the earlier models produced.

The radios were designed by Collins Radio, now Rockwell Collins, and many were manufactured by the company in Cedar Rapids. Many were made by other companies under defense contracts. About 20,000 of the 55,000-plus R-390 HF receivers made came from Collins.

Read the full KCRG-TV news story 'Legendary Spy Radio Donated Back to Rockwell Collins' at:
http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Legendary-Spy-Radio-Donated-Back-to-Rockwell-Collins-100153114.html
(via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

The reporter at KCRG is referring to both "R-390" and "R-390A", obviously not aware that the R-390 and R-390A are two different designs. The one pictured at the KCRG site is an R-390A (Bjarne Mjelde, Berlevag, Arctic Norway, ibid.)

What Mike didn`t quote was of some interest. Within the full article is the comment:

"The company is opening the museum to limited public tours beginning this month. Because of security requirements, they are open only to United States citizens. A passport or driver's license is needed to provide identification"

Whereas comrades "Mao" and "Sergei" could probably get hold of a fake passport easily enough, poor old Joe Smith from the UK is barred!!! (Keith, UK, ibid.)

DX Tool 1-800-GOOG411

Have you all tried the free Google (business) directory assistance number, 1-800-GOOG411? It is pretty cool. I may have mentioned it before (sorry if it is a repost) but it could be great, for DX'ers wanting to call a station without having access to a PC or a phone book (or when travelling or when you don't want to look up the number). You say the name of the business and the city and state. Such as "Four Seasons Restaurant Indianapolis, Indiana." If it finds just one result, it will say "top listing" and give you the street that it is on, just so you can be certain. You can then say "connect me" and it will dial the number, on Google's dime.

Info: http://www.google.com/goog411/
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GOOG-411
73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, WTFDA via DXLD)

CFA - CROSSED FIELD ANTENNA [MW transmitting] see SEYCHELLES

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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REPORTING INTERFERENCE TO SHORT WAVE RADIO (SWL OR AMATEUR)
August 5, 2010

Ofcom has said radio listeners can report interference caused by Power Line Adaptors (PLA/PLC) via the Ofcom website.

Mike of the UKQRM group reports he was told that this form is to be used, but "N/A" should be put in the "Your licence number" and "Your call sign" box.

https://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/tell-us/abuse-amateur-radio-system

Note: Only the first part of the form appears on the initial screen, you get the rest of the form when you've entered the House Number and Postcode.

It seems strange that Ofcom should make radio listeners fill in an inappropriate "Abuse on an Amateur Radio System" form when it's interference to their favourite radio station they are complaining about, not interference to Amateur Radio.

Perhaps Ofcom will consider amending the heading on the form to make it clear that it covers radio listeners as well.

Power Line Signalling The Death Of HF Radio
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2009/the_death_of_hf_radio.htm

UKQRM is a group fighting this radio interference
http://www.ukqrm.org/

UKQRM Yahoo Group
http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/UKQRM/

(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2010/ofcom_pla_form.htm via
Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CANADA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See CANADA; GERMANY; NEW ZEALAND
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See also U S A: WUSF/WXXI; WWVA/WHAM
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86 FMS HAVE TURNED UP DIGITAL JUICE

Most to -14dBc. Six to -10dBc.
http://www.rwonline.com/article/104604
(Allan Dunn, K1UCY, 11 Aug, WTFA via DXLD)

Those are huge numbers. Has something failed? (Saul Chernos, Ont., ibid.)

NOW TOM RAY IS DOUBTING HD RADIO?!
11 August, 2010 05:04:00
http://www.rbr.com/radio/26662.html?print

The Buckley Broadcasting VP/Director of Engineering, who oversees 50-kW WOR-AM NY, posted an opinion piece in a trade pub this month that holds some real doubts about AM HD Radio's viability. Now this might not be a big deal to some, but Tom is, and has always been, one of HD Radio's biggest supporters. The article mentions his attempts to buy a Ford Escape at a local NY State dealership that hopefully included a factory HD Radio. Ford was supposed to be offering it as an option for 2010 models, from what he understood.

No one at the dealership knew anything about HD Radio and all there

said he was the first and only person who has ever asked about it.

Ray tells RBR-TVBR: "On the dealer side, it doesn't surprise me, because if they're not fed the information from the corporate home in Detroit, they're not going to know what it is. They are told, 'Here is your Sirius display,' which quite frankly, there's a huge Sirius display right there in the showroom. They're told, 'Here's Sirius radio-push it.'

He adds, "What was very dismaying was the fact that when I talked to people at Ford, there wasn't one person over there who could help me and most of them also told me I was the very first call they've ever had on HD Radio. So at least they knew what it was, but nobody could direct me."

Tom ended up buying the car anyway and went through hell and high water to buy and install aftermarket HD Radio gear and other devices like XM Satellite Radio to make it work with the car's Sync system. He finally got it all working, but it wasn't easy and the car is certainly now a target for petty theft.

Tom tells us three months later he had to buy his wife a car. "There was still no HD Radios to be found. They had a couple 2011 Edges on the lot. Not one HD Radio in the bunch. Finally, there was something on the Ford website about the fact that their HD Radios would be in the 2011 Edge vehicles. When I originally went looking for the first Ford vehicle, I went to their website and found a press release dated 12-30-09 that says HD Radio will be available on 2010 model year Ford vehicles. So based on that, I went to get my factory radio put in this thing-that's when I got the deer in the headlight looks."

He went on to mention how WOR's News Director owns a foreign vehicle with an OEM HD Radio, but the AM reception is poor. Ray lamented on how hard it was to get an HD Radio through a dealership, and therefore how unlikely it might be for Joe consumer, who likely has much less knowledge of HD Radio or electronics, would go through these kinds of hoops to integrate it into the vehicle's systems.

He concluded that for WOR, AM HD has generated very little ROI and that if the IBOC exciter fails, they may just not replace or repair it.

Ray agrees, AM HD Radio is being turned off around the country in many markets on many stations. Here's what he told us on that topic:

"To the people who say AM radio is the only place we are going to get our information in times of distress and times of trouble, it's not necessarily HD Radio where the problem is. The problem is communities

themselves are not supporting AM radio stations. So if that gets worse, in addition to the AM HDs being turned off, the AM stations themselves are going to be turned off. You can except places like New York and Detroit where the top stations are AM stations, but that isn't necessarily the case all over the country. Very bluntly, if one of those exciters go, and you're talking $15,000-$20,000 per exciter, what station right now is going to take a look at that and go, 'You know, I think we've got to replace that.' Nope, there are no HD Radios out there-who's listening to it?"

He understands how hard it is to market new products, but it seems iPad has had none with consumer adoption - it sells itself, why can't HD Radio? He says we should all ramp up the marketing and get the radios out there, or "simply move on."

You can see the entire piece in Radio World.

RBR-TVBR observation: With all of the HD Digital Radio Alliance spots broadcasters have been running for so long, one would think consumer awareness, and maybe adoption, would be better than it is now. Ford now says it will have the radios available in some 2011 models. The only one that has it now is the Flex, but that is only an option with its navigation system: $1,000. Bottom line, when it is in all of the cars as standard, HD Radio will have a leg up. Until then, it's an uphill battle (via Ray T. Mahorney, WA4WGA, Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TOM RAY DOWN ON HD RADIO?

Boys and girls -- there may be hope yet -- when Tom Ray admits HD on AM just isn't cutting it ñ well, that's news! Here's a quote from the article at RBR: "He (Tom Ray) concluded that for WOR, AM HD has generated very little ROI and that if the IBOC exciter fails, they may just not replace or repair it."

Here's a link to the article: http://www.rbr.com/radio/26662.html
(Bruce Collier, York PA, 722ft ASL, FM19px, 12 Aug, WTFDA AM via DXLD)

Cool! I hope IBOC disappears. I don't know anyone that owns an HD radio (Bob Timmerman, Indianapolis, ibid.)

I just took my worthless aftermarket unit out of my car, since it was ruining my normal reception (Rick Shaftan, NJ, ibid.)

I honestly don't know anyone outside of DXers, or people in the business, or DXers' families who even know HD AM exists. Hopefully, Mr Ray is finally seeing reason here.

All AM IBOC does is to contribute to an ever increasing level of noise on the AM dial. The reason for HD on AM talk stations completely escapes me.

We DXers will tolerate all sorts of noise on AM and aren't terribly bothered by it since we are used to it. However, the average listener 1) Just tunes to a different station if the one he/she is trying to listen to is QRMed or QRNed. 2) Isn't using a DX quality rx. 3) In the case of the car, has an omni antenna, and in the case of in house portables, may not even know to turn the set to turn the internal loopstick for best reception.

The only people I know who even own a RX capable of FM HD are DXers, to be honest. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

Where's an axe when you need one? The bands may get quieter, with LORAN gone, and the broadcast industry beginning to realize it wasted money on snake oil during hard times (Saul Chernos, Ont., ibid.)

<<He understands how hard it is to market new products, but it seems iPad has had none with consumer adoption --- it sells itself, why can`t HD Radio? He says we should all ramp up the marketing and get the radios out there, or `simply move on.`>>

Doh! HD AM Radio has nothing to sell itself with. As Gertrude Stein would have said, "There's no there there." Let's see, reduced coverage area, poorer quality reception everywhere, new equipment required that isn't available, mostly the same programming or an FM clone - in both cases the primary signal is much stronger. This thing couldn't possibly sell itself (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, ibid.)

Nobody I know on the advertising side has any idea what HD is, in spite of the ads. If you want that sound, you get Satellite (Rick Shaftan, ibid.)

I have one (*cough*) but it`s mainly for FM analog DXing. AFAIK, AM-IBOC can drop dead tomorrow and I could care less. Most useless move in radio since radio infomercials.

AM stereo was far, far more useful than AM-IBOC ever was. The IBOC death rattle is on for sure. Now if the FCC can trim some of the coffeepots and 40 watt nighttime-power "daytimers" and let the clear channel (small c) stations return to broadcasting the big signals as they did in the 1960's-70's. Even if KAAY 1090 had a viable format (it does not at present), the IBOC QRM from 1080 and 1100 makes it hard to hear less than 70 miles from transmitter in pattern downstate. I think I could only pull out KARN-AM 920's IBOC a handful of times in the winter with all the computers turned off, etc. (Fritze H Prentice Jr,

KC5KBV, Star City, AR, ibid.)

AM has more problems than just HD, most people under thirty won't listen to it (Curtis Sadwoski, IL, ibid.)

Most people under 50 won't listen to it (Rick Shaftan, NJ, ibid.)

Rick, It doesn't help that it now sounds bad, very limited frequency response. I collect old time radio shows, many of which were recorded off the air for the advertisers, so I know that AM radio used to sound much better. A while back, I was recording one of the shows I post on the Archive, and it sounded good for once. It hasn't sounded that good since, I figure the station I was listening to used their original 1940-vintage transmitter that morning, probably the modern one was being serviced (Curtis Sadowksi, ibid.)

For most people, if they cannot pick up a clear signal at 7:20 am in January, they find another station (Rich Shaftan, ibid.)

IIRC, AM radio was primarily an 8 kHz audio bandwidth system prior to IBOC. With IBOC it was reduced to 5 kHz. To me that is not a problem as I grew up with 5 kHz AM radio (except for WQXR, of course).

So maybe that has to do with the quality you mention. Another possibility is the IBOC sidebands are interfering with the analog on some receivers. Or an adjacent channel IBOC from another market is interfering with your reception.

I personally could not and cannot understand why talk stations would embrace this technology on AM. With FM there are multiple streams which would appeal to the broadcaster (Allan Dunn, K1UCY, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- RDS
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New England RDS oddities

I must say, RDS in the northeast is really messed up!!! Advanced, but a pain in the neck to deal with.

In the northeast, I keep seeing these stations that have RDS that show a message, then when it's done, it turns off the RDS altogether for a good 10 seconds. Can't see the program type, nothing! Then it comes up with another message, finishes, turns off, and then keeps rotating this data. Never seen that in the Midwest before, but started seeing it in Montreal, and seeing it all over New England now.

Then there is a religious station here that is doing something

similar, flipping through different messages, maybe showing the same one two or three times, then moving onto the next one (many stations do that in bigger markets I've noticed lately). Well, this station, like some others I've seen in New England, cuts out in the middle of a message after showing it for 3 seconds or so, moves onto the next message and starts up right in the middle of that one. This station went so fast through the data that it was impossible to read, hopping from one message to another without finishing anything. I got so pissed off trying to copy the data that I had to make a video of it so I could pause it later and decipher what it was saying!! But they had moved on to a whole new program with a whole new set of data. Still unable to figure out what piece of message goes with what.

RDS elsewhere is so much more simple than the Northeast. Then again, 80% of all frequencies have RDS here because of all the markets. A tad frustrating for my project. I must have copied RDS for about 50 stations just right here in town.

Someone who has access to these RDS machines should show me how they do this stuff and how it all works, because I've seen multiple varieties of RDS data and patterns and --- maybe you could say RDS mannerisms in the receiver reading the data. Love how entire markets often have the exact same formatting of data on half of all stations, but Boston takes the cake for most complex troublesome RDS disasters. Way to go guys! RDS is supposed to make things more simple, not bombard your radio with 10 different messages at the same time. There's a point where the technology has become so advanced that its progress begins to go backwards (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., 5 Aug, WTFDA via DXLD)

FM DXing in the northeast is really messed up! It's not just RDS. RDS started as a great idea. Call letters in the display and all that. But then stations started scrolling names and song titles in the display and forced us to depend on PI codes for the calls. Then CC went and screwed with the PI codes giving us more bogus calls than the Bahamas has conch fritters (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

Does any of the Clear Channel (tm) stations have *any* correct PI codes. I've yet to see one (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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AURORA GALLERY from last week:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/yahooeditorspicks/galleries/72157624653325820/
(via gh, DXLD)

DISTURBED IONOSPHERE

Yesterday we experienced the second most significant ionospheric disturbance this year, as the sun clearly is increasing its activity. Yesterday the estimate planetary A index reached 42, a figure last seen back in 2007 (23rd May). 73s (Steve Whitt, UK, Aug 5, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

SOLAR BLAST JUST MISSES EARTH:

Space Weather News for August 8, 2010 http://spaceweather.com

On Saturday, August 7th, magnetic fields around sunspot 1093 erupted. NASA spacecraft and many amateur astronomers photographed the blast, which produced a strong M1-class solar flare and hurled a coronal mass ejection (CME) into space -- apparently just missing the sun-Earth line. The explosion also made whooshing sounds in the loudspeakers of some shortwave radios. Visit http://spaceweather.com for audio recordings and movies of this latest solar event.

AURORA RECAP: Last week's geomagnetic storm sparked Northern Lights as far south as Iowa in the United States, and some nice Southern Lights over Antarctica. For the latest images, start browsing here: http://www.spaceweather.com/aurora/gallery_01aug10_page4.htm (via Mike Terry, Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

Movie of M1.0 X-ray flare (from NOAA AR 1093) 1818 UTC 7 AUG '10

An M-class (M1.0) X-ray flare erupted at about 1818 UTC, on August 7, 2010. It peaked at 1824 UTC at M1.0. This movie is a series of filtered views of the event in the active sunspot region 11093, as seen by SDO AIA.

This flare is 10 times more powerful than the C-class flare on August 1, 2010 - the flare that caused so much media attention on August 3 through August 5, due to aurora and anticipation.

The order of views by filter:
171 Angstroms
094 Angstroms
131 Angstroms
193 Angstroms
211 Angstroms
304 Angstroms

Source: NASA/SDO

Movie may be seen here [11 seconds]:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swWnZsOb14I> (available in HD)

Space Weather Resources: <http://prop.hfradio.org/>

Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Space-Weather-and-Radio-Resources-at-HFRadioorg/367220874615>
-- 73 de (NW7US, Tomas David Hood, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

INCOMING CME COULD SPARK HIGH-LATITUDE AURORAS
Space Weather News for August 9, 2010 http://spaceweather.com

INCOMING CME: The solar eruption of August 7th might affect Earth after all. Newly-arriving data from the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) show a CME heading our way with a significant Earth-directed component. High-latitude sky watchers should be alert for auroras when the cloud arrives on August 10th. A movie of the CME is featured on today's edition of http://spaceweather.com

EARLY PERSEID METEORS: The Perseid meteor shower doesn't peak until August 12th, but already late-night sky watchers are seeing a nice display of shooting stars. Observers are counting as many as 20 Perseids per hour from dark sky sites, a number that could increase 3- to 5-fold before the week is over. Visit http://spaceweather.com for more information.

FM, TV, and VHF DXers should be on the lookout for meteor scatter DX
(via Mark Coady, Ont., ODXA yg via DXLD)

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER DX

Mark your calendar: On Thursday, August 12th, an alignment of planets in the sunset sky will kick off the finest meteor shower of 2010, the Perseids. Full story at
http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2010/05aug_perseids/

Meteor scatter: A remarkable type of propagation caused by the ionization by meteors (also known as "shooting stars") entering the earth's atmosphere. Meteors are small rocks orbiting in space and every year on certain dates, the earth passes through streams of these meteors. When the earth crosses an orbit of meteors, meteors hit the earth's atmosphere at a speeds of over 10.000km/h causing them they burn up at extremely high temperatures. The resulting high temperatures leave traces of ionized air behind them at 80-150 km in altitude.

Fortunately for radio operators, this trace of ionized air can reflect radio waves up to 500 MHz and sometimes beyond. It can also reflect HF

signals in the range of 30 MHz. Each meteor entry results in a radio wave scatter that can be categorized into either a "ping" or "burst". Pings are short openings lasting a few seconds and bursts are openings lasting for minutes. During meteor storms (i.e., when meteors occur at high rates), both pings and bursts can occur so regularly that long QSO's are possible. The most famous meteor shower is called the Perseids and it occurs when the earth crosses the Perseid meteor orbit around August 12th of each year. This particular shower is known to have up to 120 meteors per hour. For instance, in 1994 the Perseids supported radio conversations having strong signal strengths for several hours and the skip distances ranged from 200 to 1800 km.

However, meteor scatter contacts are usually more brief; and a result, APRS and VHF packet radio is considered to be a good means of communication during meteor showers due to the mode's short packets of data containing useful information such as the transmitting station's callsign as well as location in each packet sent.
http://ecjones.org/propag.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

See (and hear) the meteor show
MSNBC, By Alan Boyle, August 11, 2010

When the late show is over, turn off the TV, step outside and catch a late, late show in the night sky. It's prime time for the Perseids, arguably the most accessible meteor shower of the year.

"If you want comfort, this is the shower to see," said Bill Cooke, the head of NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office at Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama.

Every night, Cooke has been turning on a couple of all-sky cameras in Alabama and Georgia to catch meteor trails as they streak through the sky. This year's been a great one for the Perseids, in large part because the moon doesn't glare in the sky when the show is getting good.

The absolute best viewing is expected Thursday night - actually, between midnight Thursday and dawn on Friday. Perseid meteors should be visible every night from now until next week. At its peak, observers could see at least one meteor every minute, Cooke told me. You just have to know where and when to look - and the experience goes much more smoothly if you make a few preparations. . . [much more]

Full details and links at
http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2010/08/11/4869749-see-and-hear-the-meteor-show
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels from 02 August through late on 03 August. Activity increased to unsettled to major storm levels from late on 03 August to early on 05 August when levels returned to mostly quiet. A geomagnetic sudden impulse (SI) of 21 nT was observed at Boulder at 03/1741Z which was preceded by an interplanetary shock at ACE at 03/1656Z. Both effects were due to the arrival of a CME associated with the long duration C3 flare on 01 August. Major storm levels occurred from 03/2100 - 04/0300 UTC with increased solar wind velocities (peak 657 km/s), increased IMF BT (peak 18 nT), and a sustained period of southward Bz (peak deflection -13 nT). Another major storm period was observed at high latitudes at 02/1800-2100 UTC with a sustained Bz (peak deflection -6 nT) and wind velocities at around 550 km/s. Activity levels decreased to mostly quiet levels with isolated active periods on 05 August and thereafter, the field returned to mostly quiet.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 11 AUGUST - 06 SEPTEMBER 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels. A chance for an M-class flare exists through 16 August, when Region 1093 is due to rotate around the west limb.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during 11 - 23 August and at high levels throughout the remainder of the period (24 August - 06 September).

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active periods on 11-12 August due to the arrival of the full-halo CME observed on 07 August. Mostly quiet conditions are expected from 13 August - 21 August. A recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) is forecasted to become geoeffective on 22 August - 24 August when the field is expected to become quiet to unsettled. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the period (25 August - 06 September).

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Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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2010 Aug 15      86           5          2
2010 Aug 16      86           5          2
2010 Aug 17      85           5          2
2010 Aug 18      83           5          2
2010 Aug 19      81           5          2
2010 Aug 20      80           5          2
2010 Aug 21      80           5          2
2010 Aug 22      80           8          3
2010 Aug 23      80          12          3
2010 Aug 24      82           8          3
2010 Aug 25      82           5          2
2010 Aug 26      82           5          2
2010 Aug 27      82           5          2
2010 Aug 28      82           5          2
2010 Aug 29      83           5          2
2010 Aug 30      83           5          2
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(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1525, DXLD)
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TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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COMMON NONSENSE: GLENN BECK AND THE TRIUMPH OF IGNORANCE
Alexander Zaitchik

Alexander Zaitchik, a freelance journalist who contributes to AlterNet.org, presents a critical account of political pundit Glenn Beck's personal and professional life. Mr. Zaitchik contends that Mr. Beck's radio career was floundering until he found a niche in promoting negligent claims against the left and coordinating political rallies that the author argues were less about the advancement of a specific political or social cause and more a promotional opportunity for the radio and tv host. Alexander Zaitchik presents his book at Borders bookstore in Washington, DC.

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